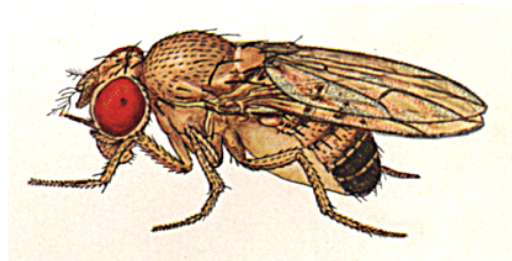
A close-up photograph of a spider on its web, serving as the background for the slide. The spider is positioned in the lower center, and its web is a complex, interconnected network of threads that fills the entire frame. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the web and the spider's body.

NETWORKS

A RECURRENT THEME IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

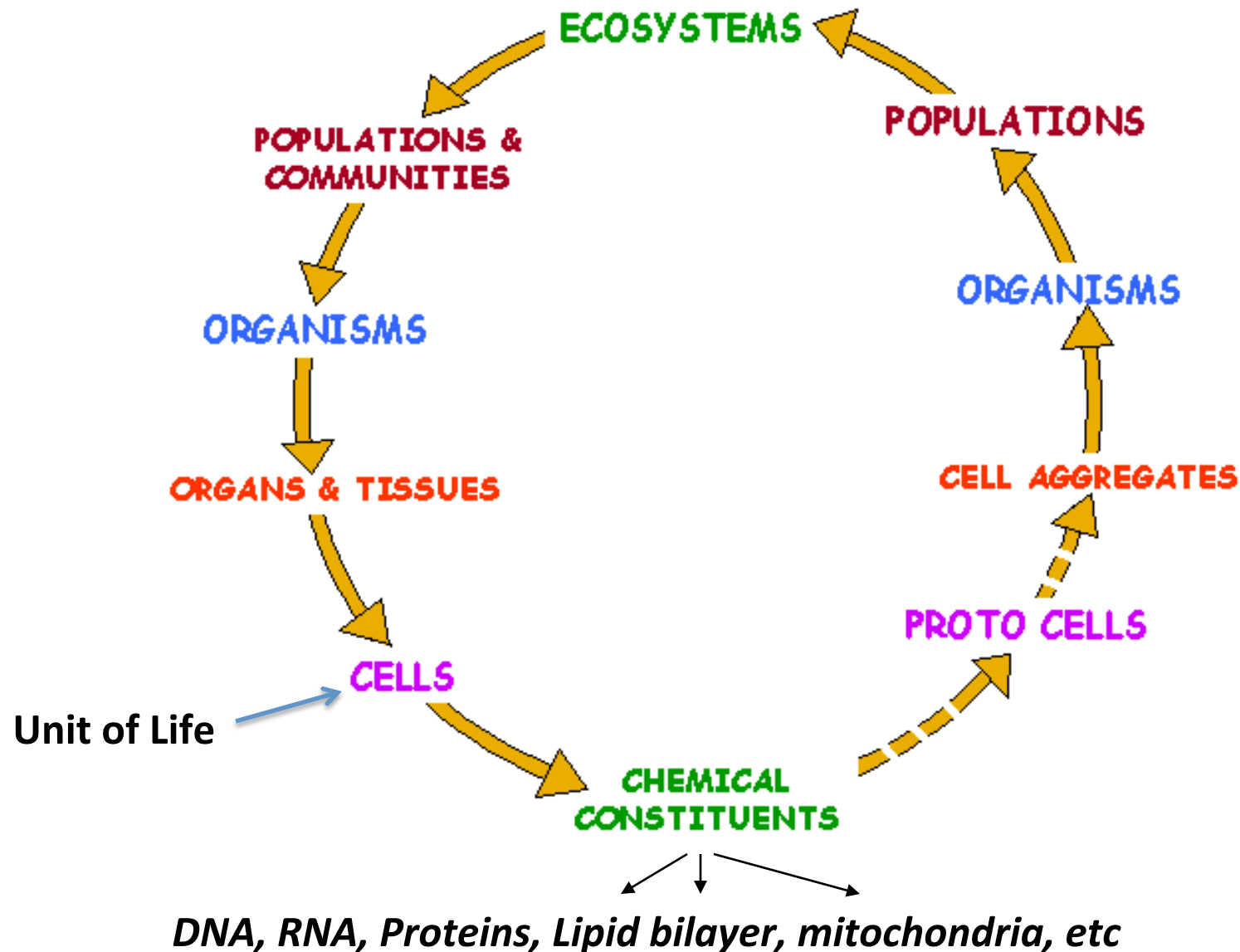
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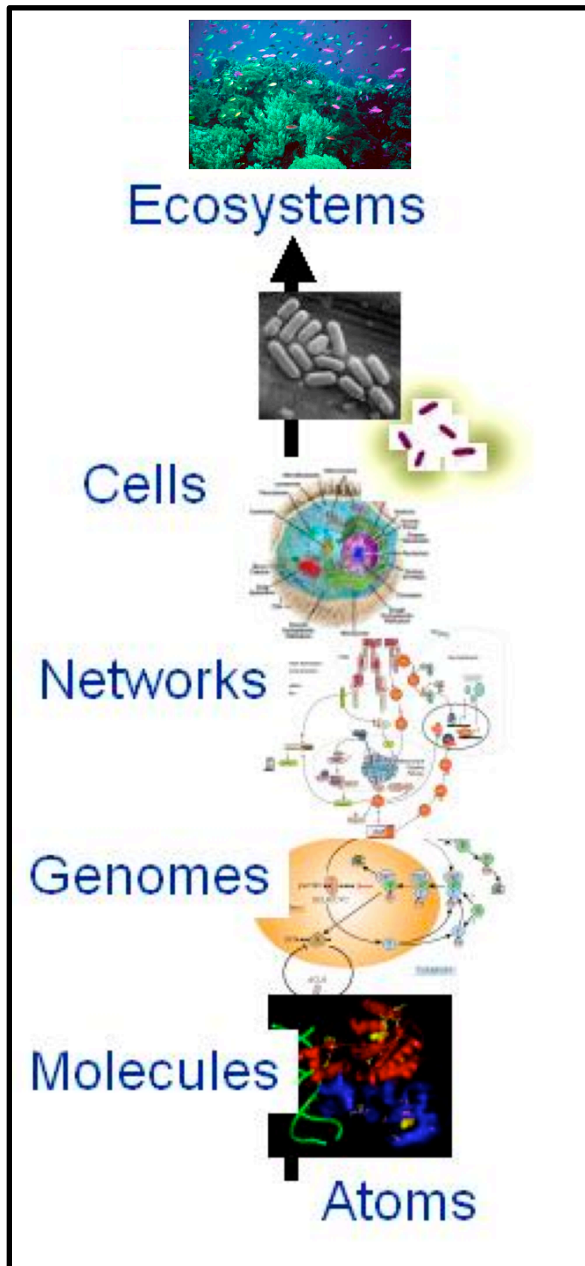


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LEVELS OF ORGANISATION IN BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS



MULTISCALE DESCRIPTION



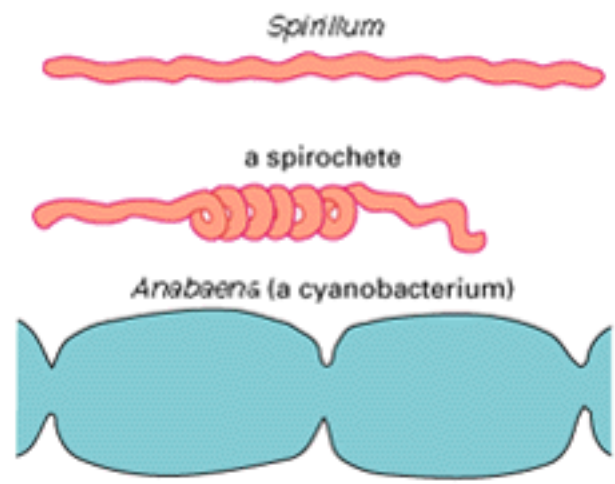
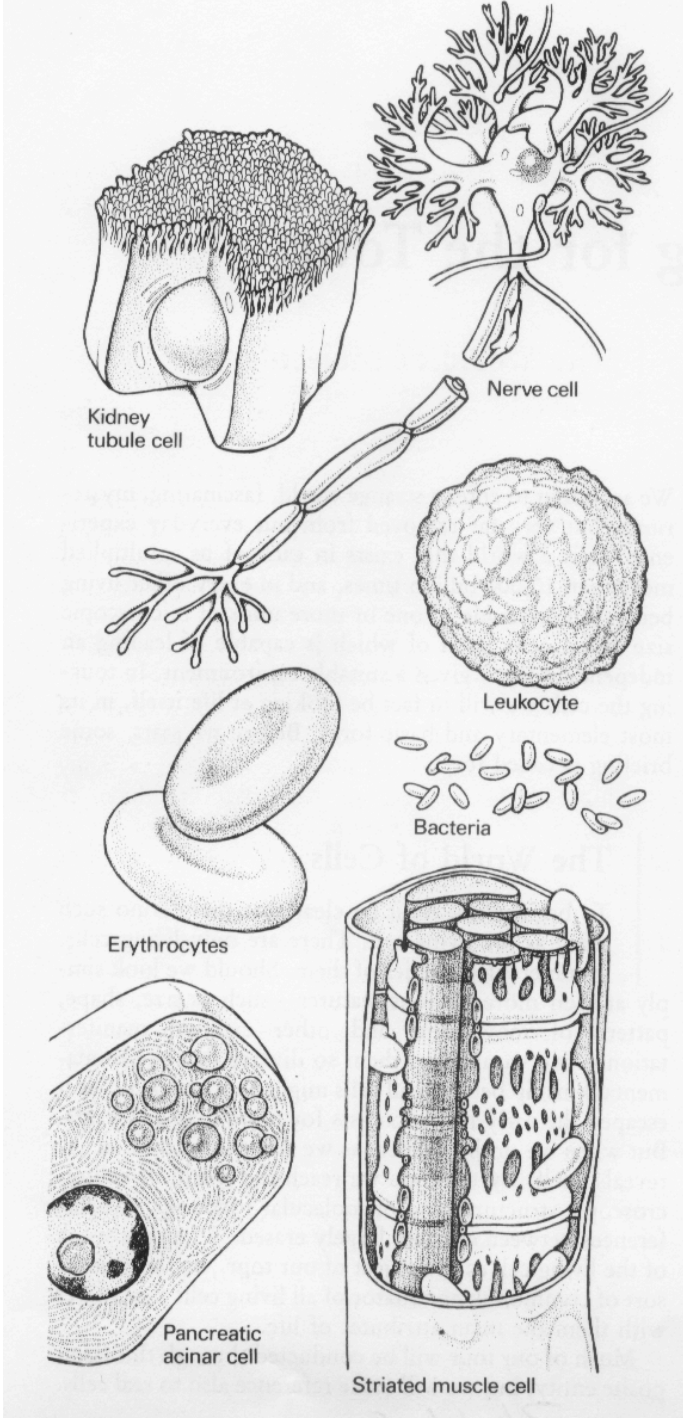
The **challenge** is
to connect different scales
in both time and space



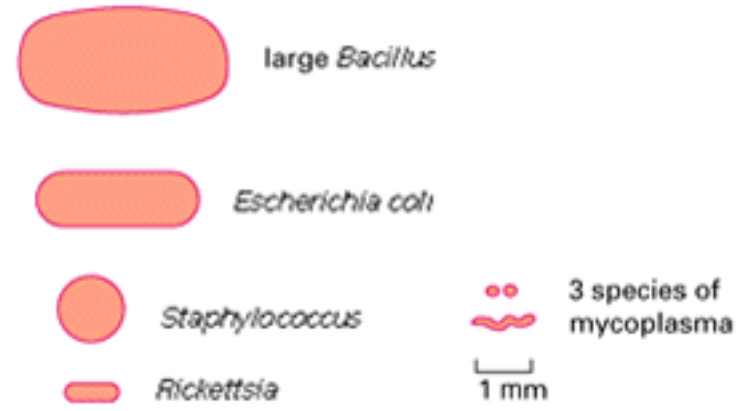
Information plus regulation

*Organisation is limited by the
communication between the subsystems*

Living systems are made up of cells - single or multi-cellular



Some bacteria



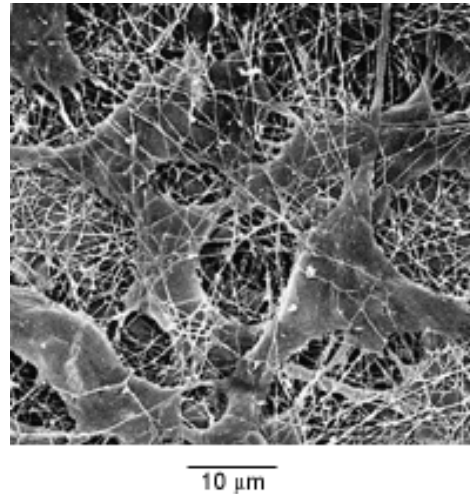
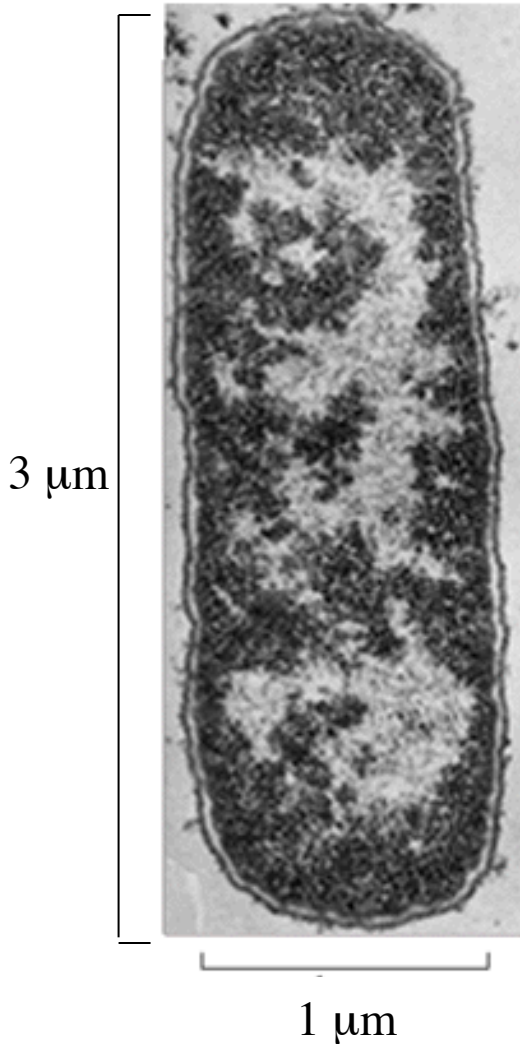
Smallest cell (mycoplasma) 0.0001 mm diameter

Large cells - nerve cells in giraffe's neck -
~ 3 m (9.7 ft) in length.

Dividing E.coli.



*Electron
micrograph
of E.coli.*



*Fibroblast cells in cornea of rat
(Scanning electron micrograph)*

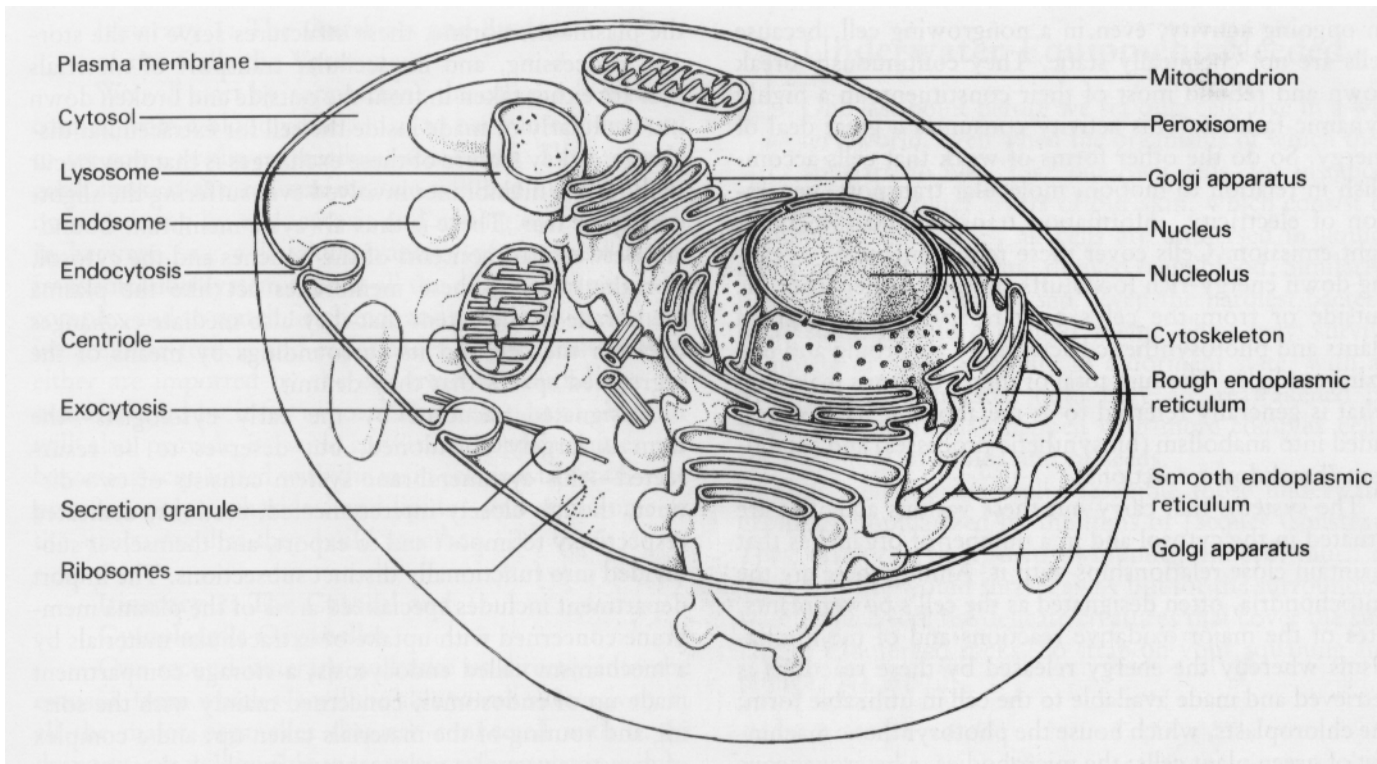
Collagen fibrils in ECM

The bacterium *E. coli* can reproduce in 20 minutes

Cell cycle of single-celled yeast is 90 -120 minutes

A rapidly dividing mammalian cell cycle is about 24 hours

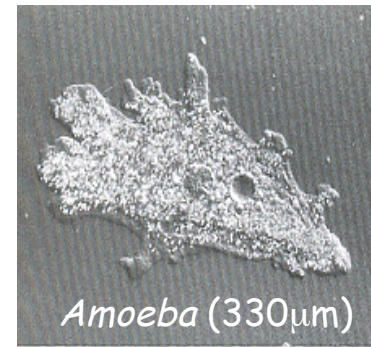
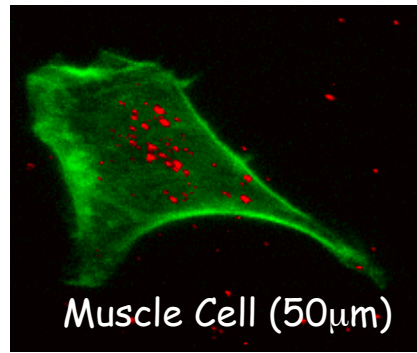
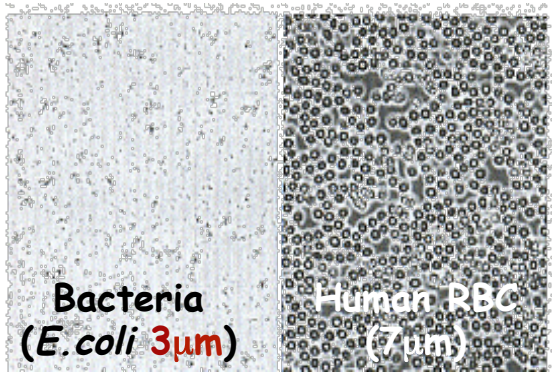
Doubling time



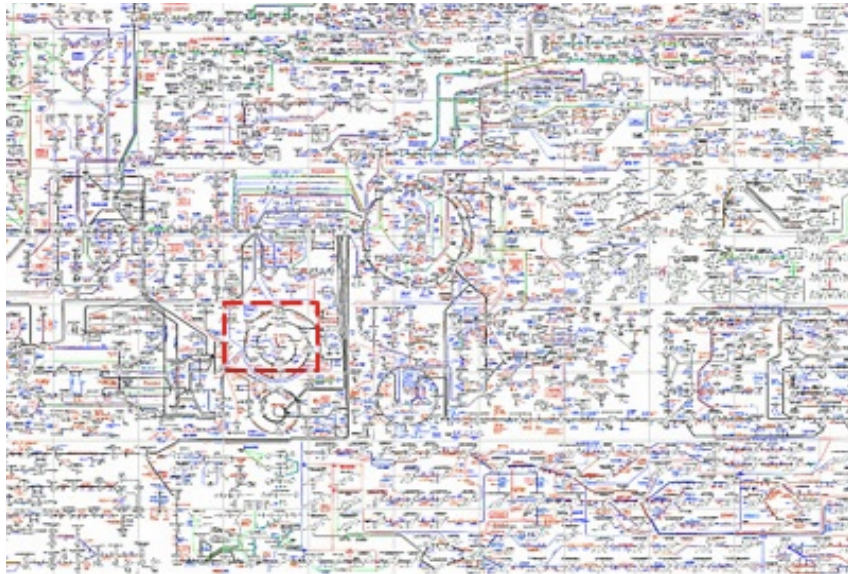
The Approximate Chemical Composition of a Bacterial Cell

	Percent of Total Cell Weight	Types of Each Molecule
Water	70	1
Inorganic Ions	1	20
Sugars and precursors	1	250
Amino acids and precursors	0.4	100
Nucleotides and precursors	0.4	100
Fatty acids and precursors	1	50
Other small molecules	0.2	~300
Macromolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, and polysaccharides)	26	~3000

Some numbers



Cellular functions are controlled by networks of biochemical reactions



Cellular behaviour is an emergent property of networks of inter-connected multi-step chemical reactions of the molecular species in the cell.

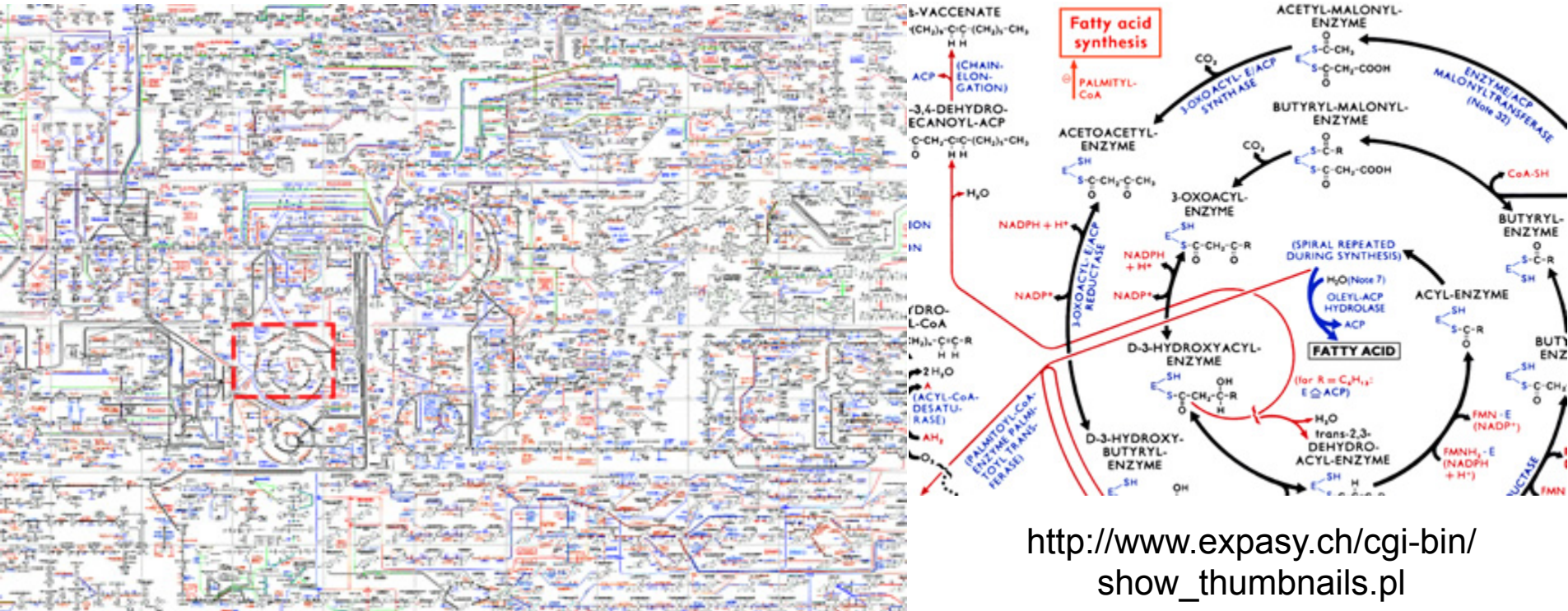
- **Co-ordination**
- **Regulation**
- **Decision-making**
- **Ability to evolve**

CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS DRIVE ALL LIFE PROCESSES

Cellular functions are controlled by multi-step biochemical reactions

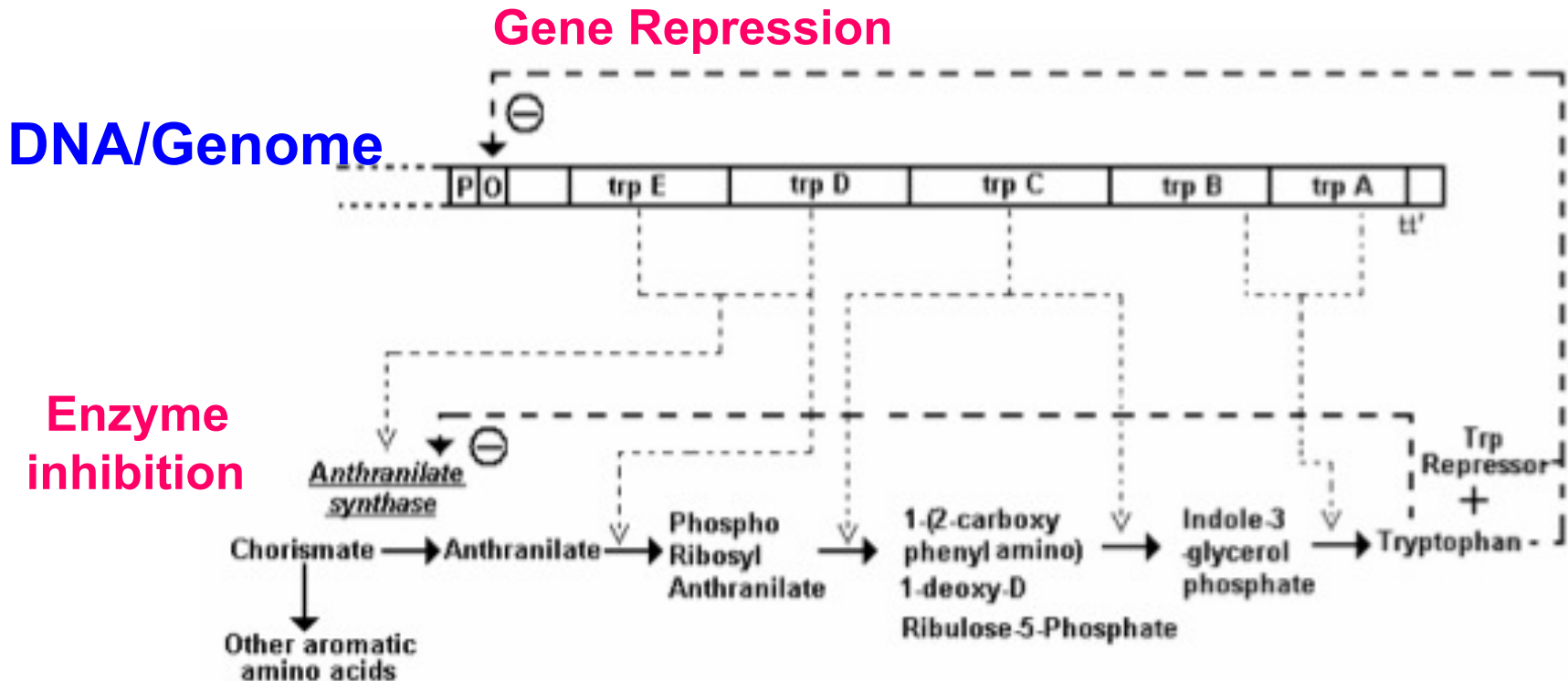
These are inter-connected chemical reactions forming an intricate network of functional and physical interactions between molecular species in the cell.

- *Synthesis and breakdown of required biomolecules,*
- *Sensing and transduction of intra and extra-cellular signals,*
- *Facilitation of cross talk among different processes in different compartments in the cell.*



Complex network of biochemical reactions in cells co-ordinate and control cellular functions

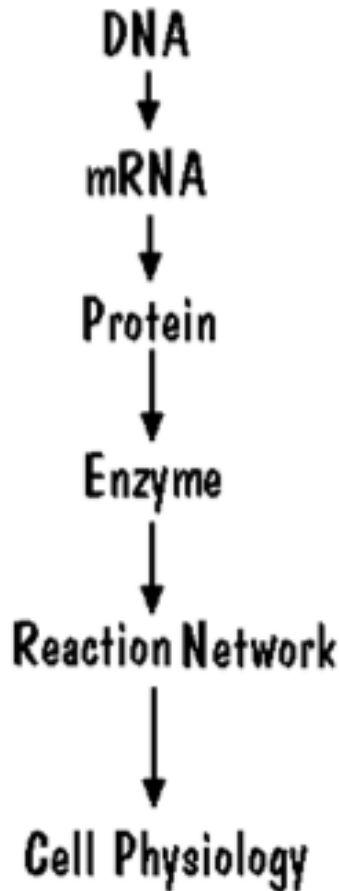
TRYPTOPHAN BIOSYNTHETIC PATHWAY IN *E coli*.



Genetic and Metabolic reactions and their regulation

The Central Dogma

FLOW
of
INFORMATION



...TACCCGATGGCGAAATGC...

...AUGGGCUACCGCUUUACG...

...Met-Gly-Tyr-Arg-Phe-Thr...

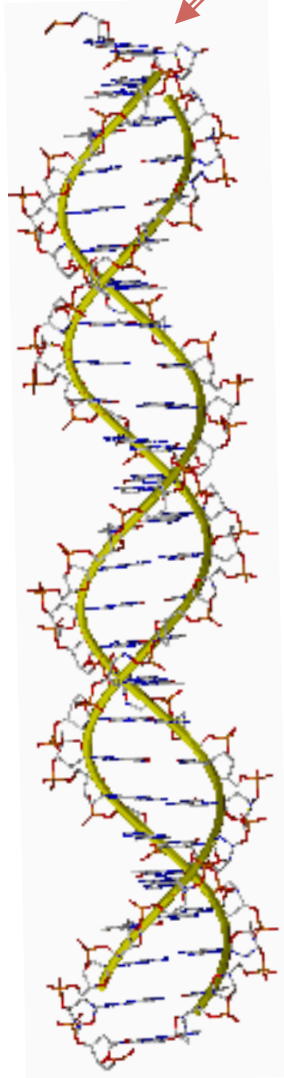
Transcription rate -
~ 1,000 nucleotides/minute

Translation rate -
~ 900 amino acids/minute

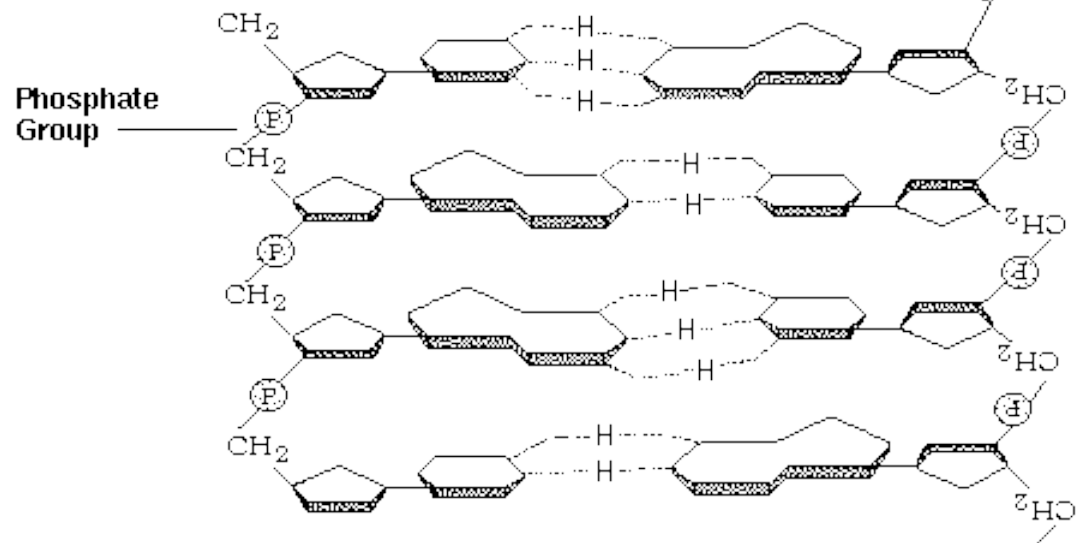
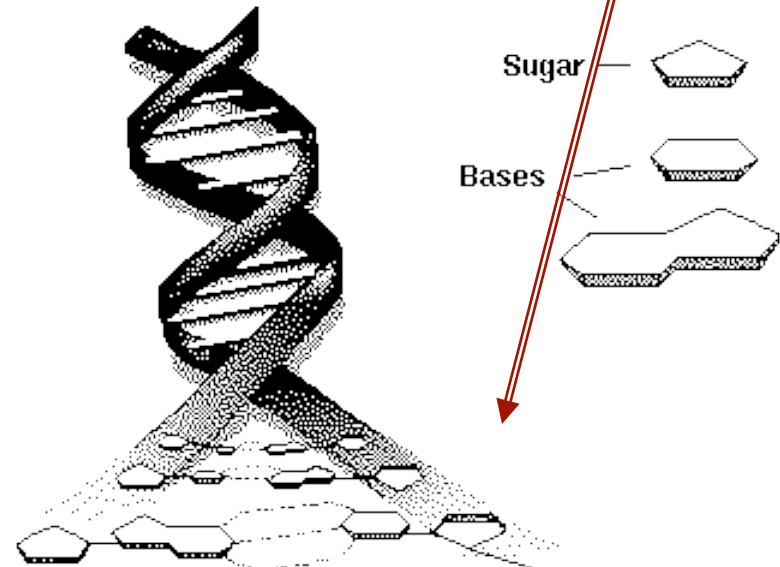
Production of the protein
to the binding of dimer -
~ 3 minutes

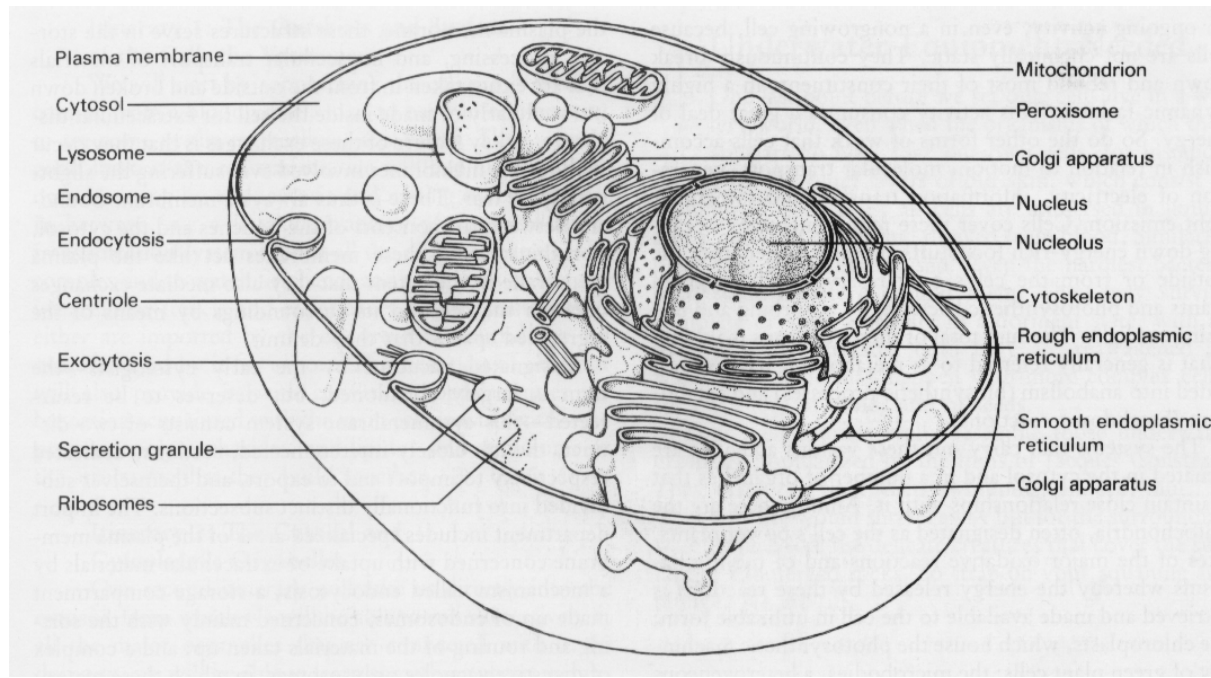


Double Helical Structure of DNA facilitates its replication



Adenine (A)
Thymine (T)
Cytosine (C)
Guanine (G)





E.coli genome is ~1.2 mm (4 million base pairs)
 Human genome length is ~2 metre (3000 million bp)

A gene is a region of DNA whose final product is either a polypeptide or an RNA molecule

Smallest gene ~10000 base
 Largest gene ~ 2 million bases

Ovalbumin (7.7Kbp)
 a human muscle protein

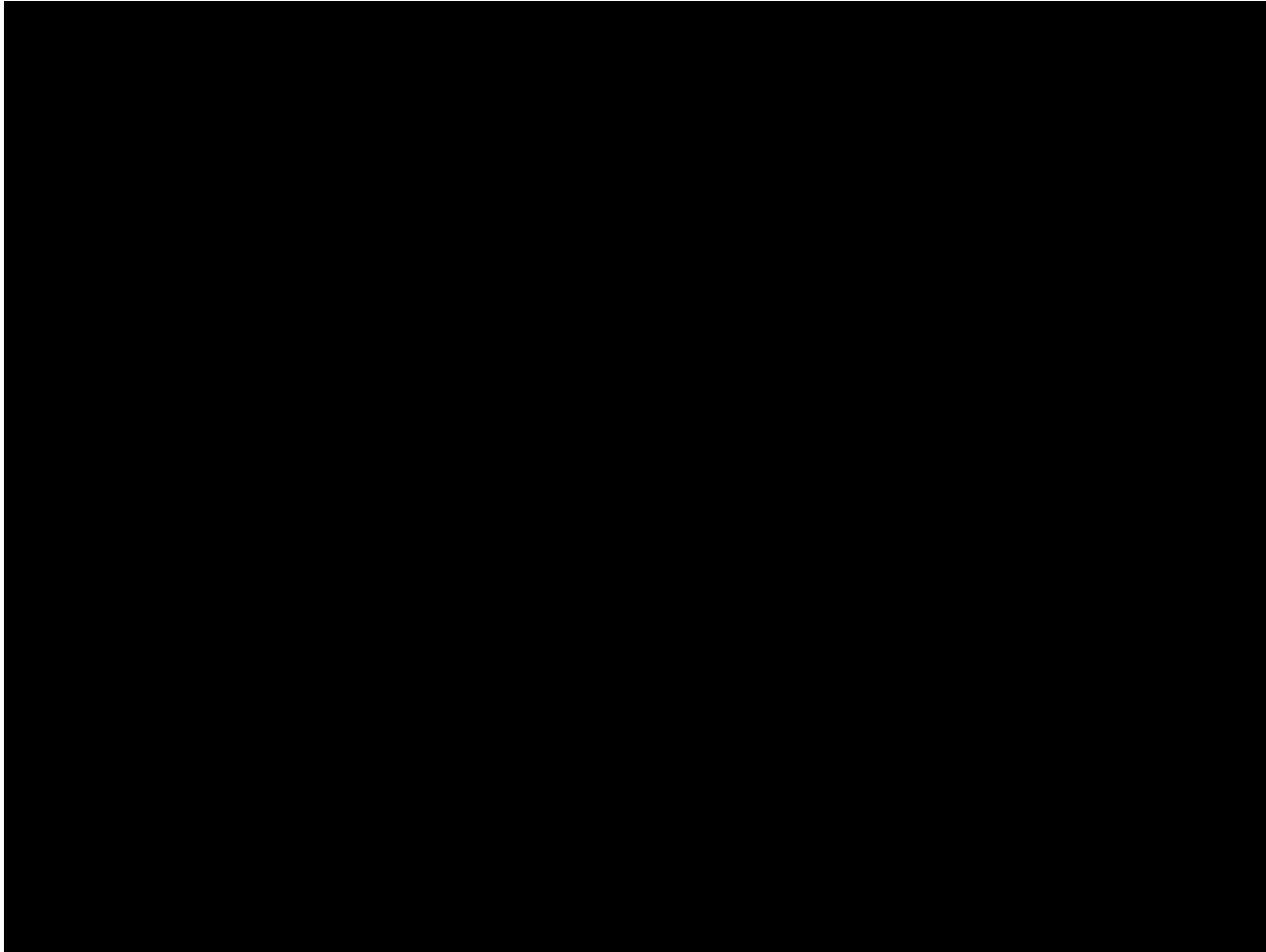
Transcription

(movie from Virtual Cell Animation Centre)



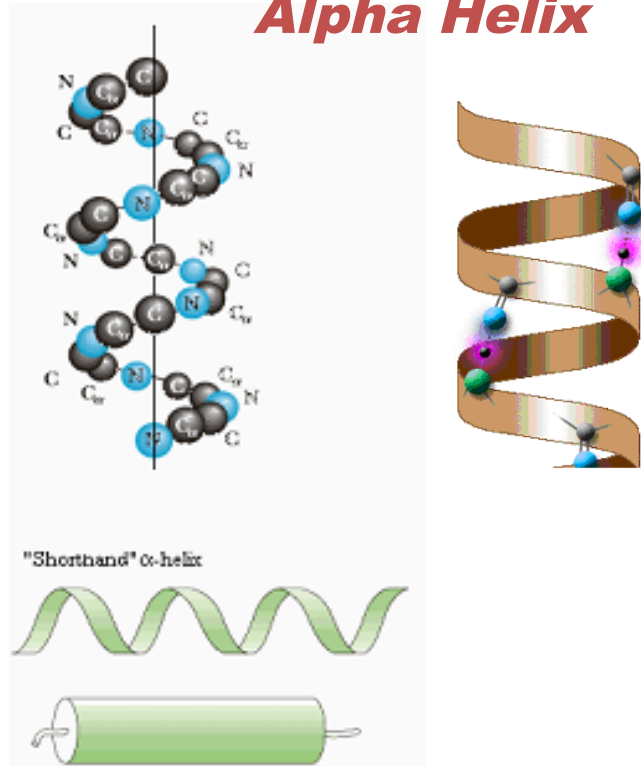
Translation

(movie from Virtual Cell Animation Centre)

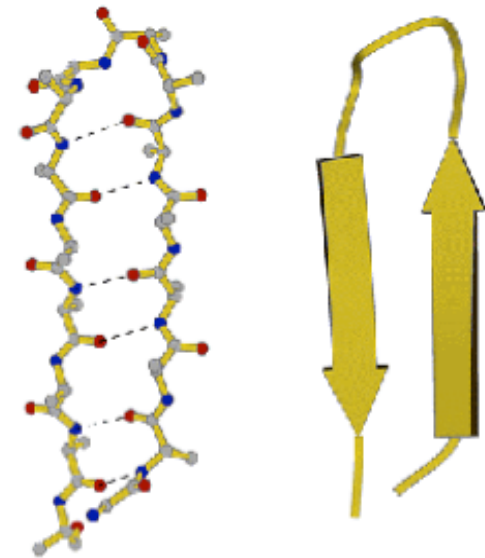


Amino acid sequences in proteins form patterns of specific secondary structures useful for their function

Alpha Helix



Beta sheet

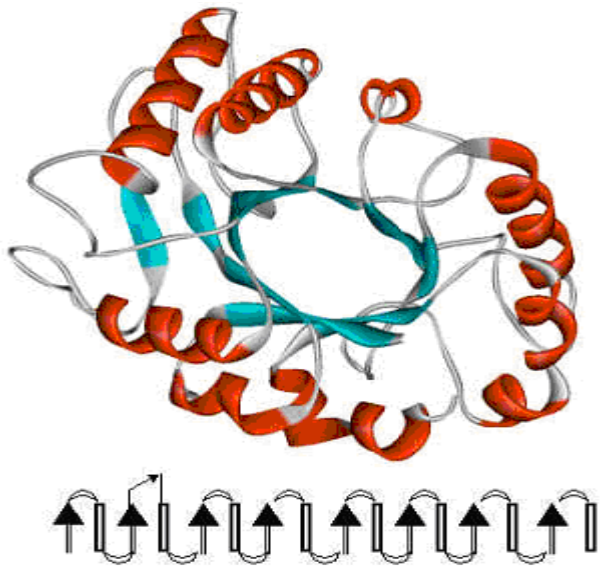


α - Helix

Only the N—C_α—C backbone is represented. The vertical line is the helix axis.

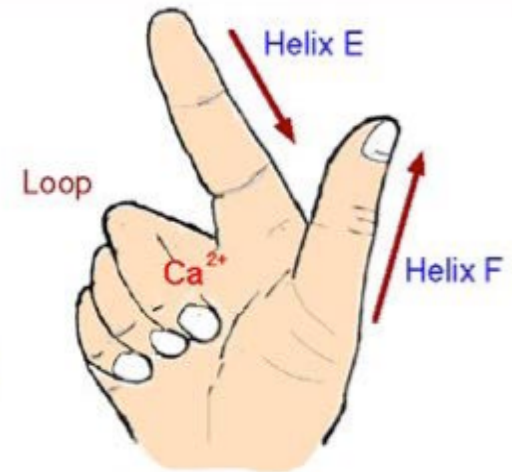
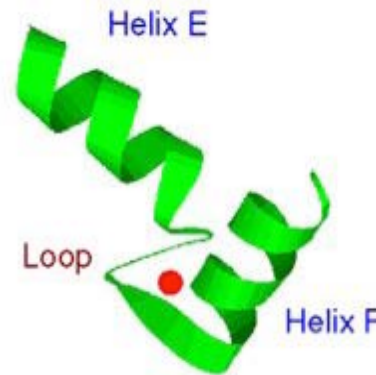
Parallel chains

Combinations of secondary structural elements form different patterns of *Super Secondary Structures* (folds) that perform specific functions



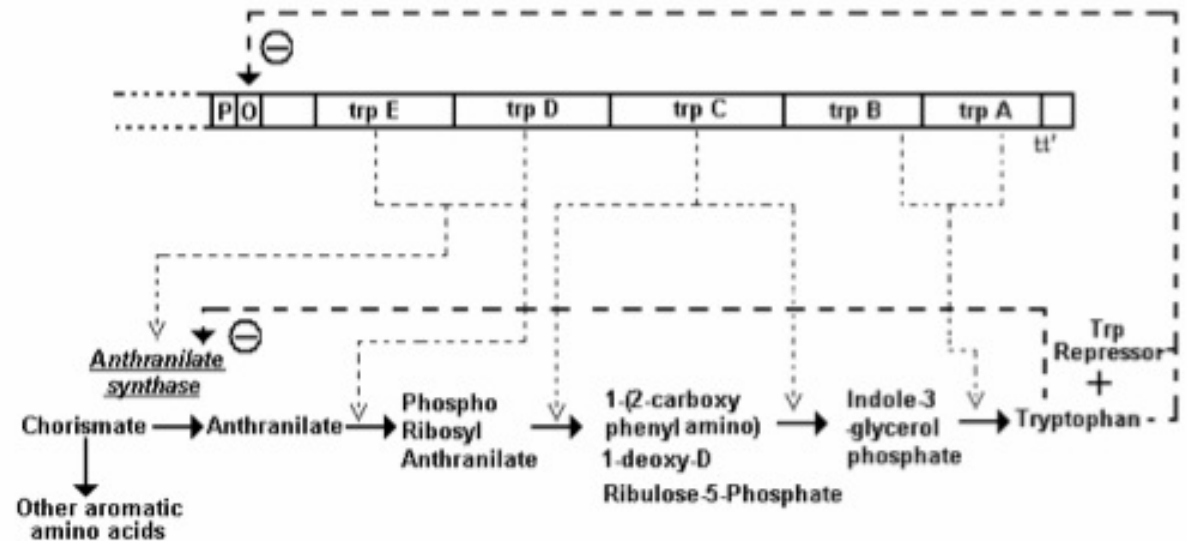
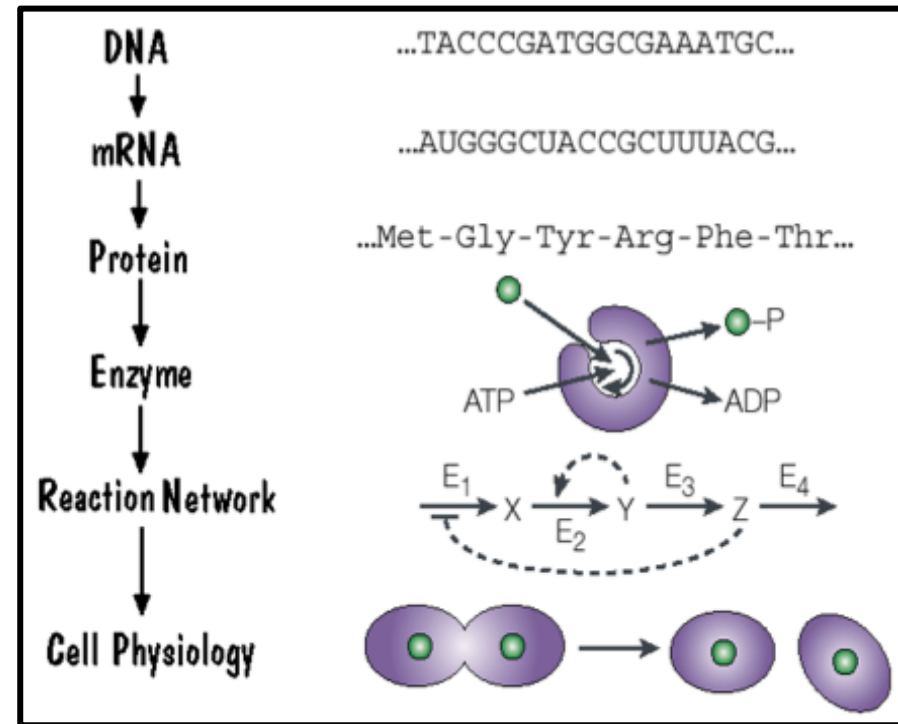
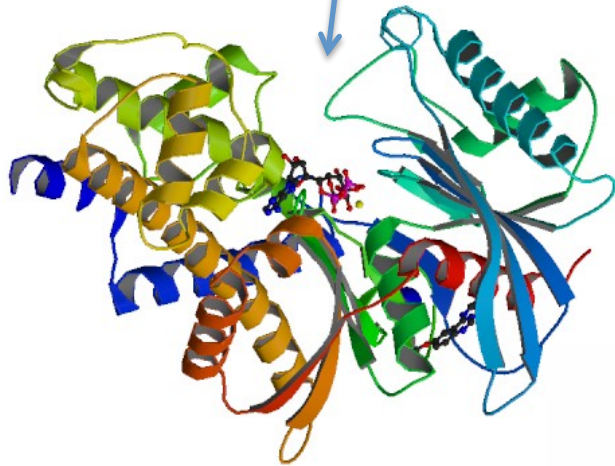
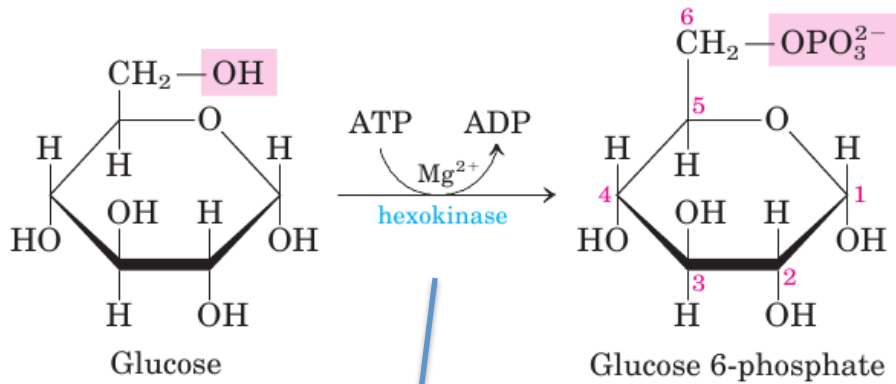
TIM Barrel

An eight-stranded α/β domain (*first found in Triose phosphate isomerase*).
A central barrel formed by parallel β -strands surrounded by seven or eight α helices which shield the barrel from solvent.

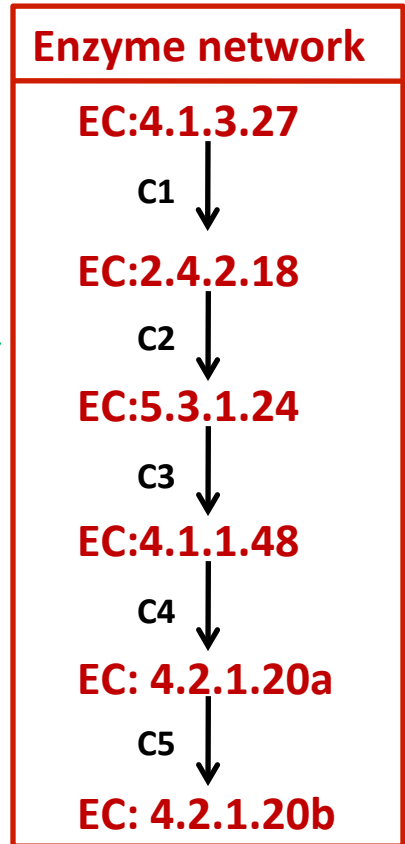
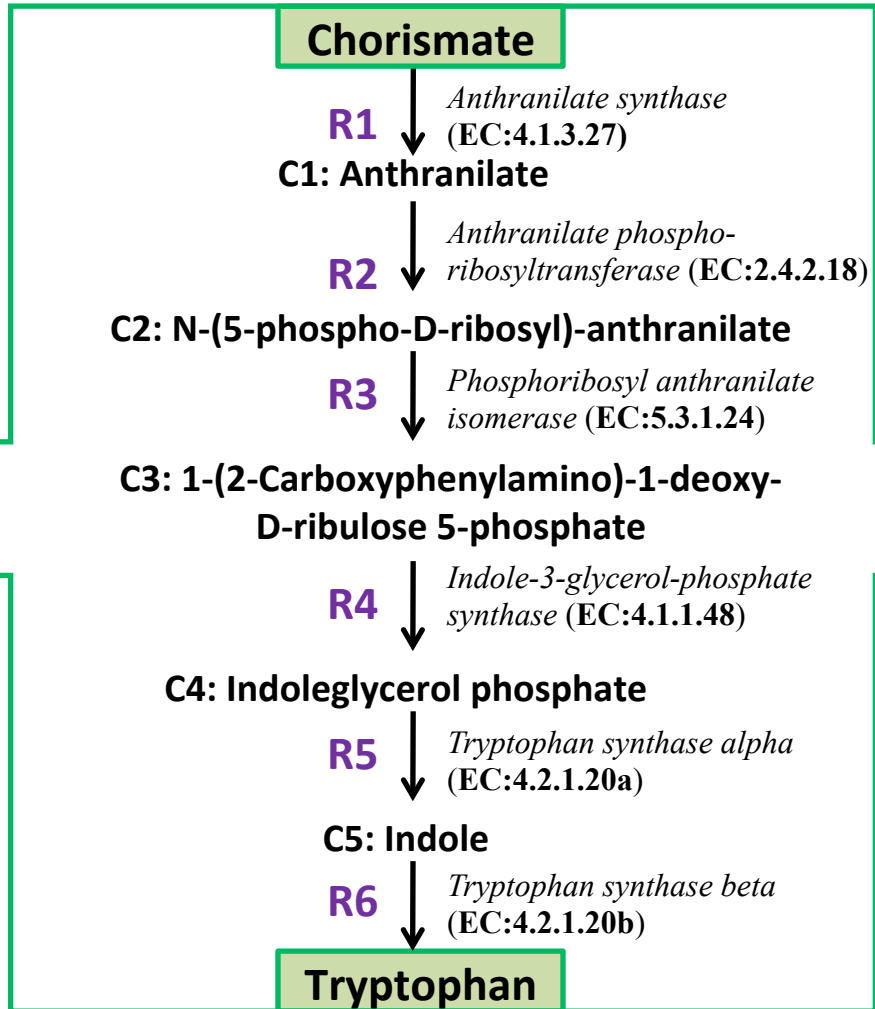
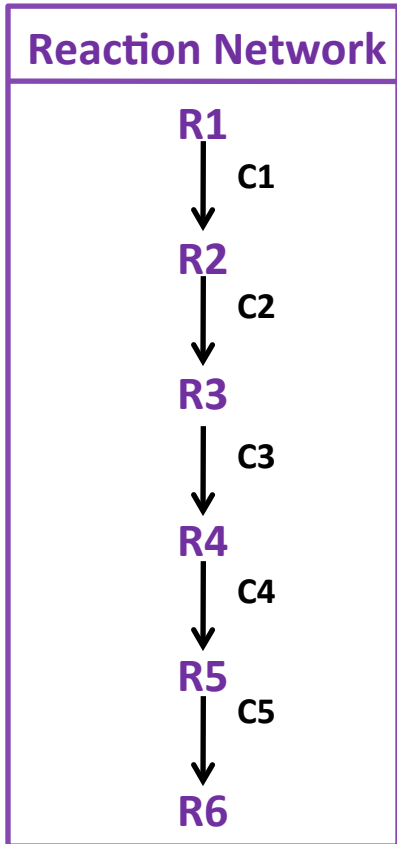


EF Hand

The loop region in Calcium binding proteins are enriched in Asp, Glu, Ser, and Thr.



Tryptophan biosynthesis pathway

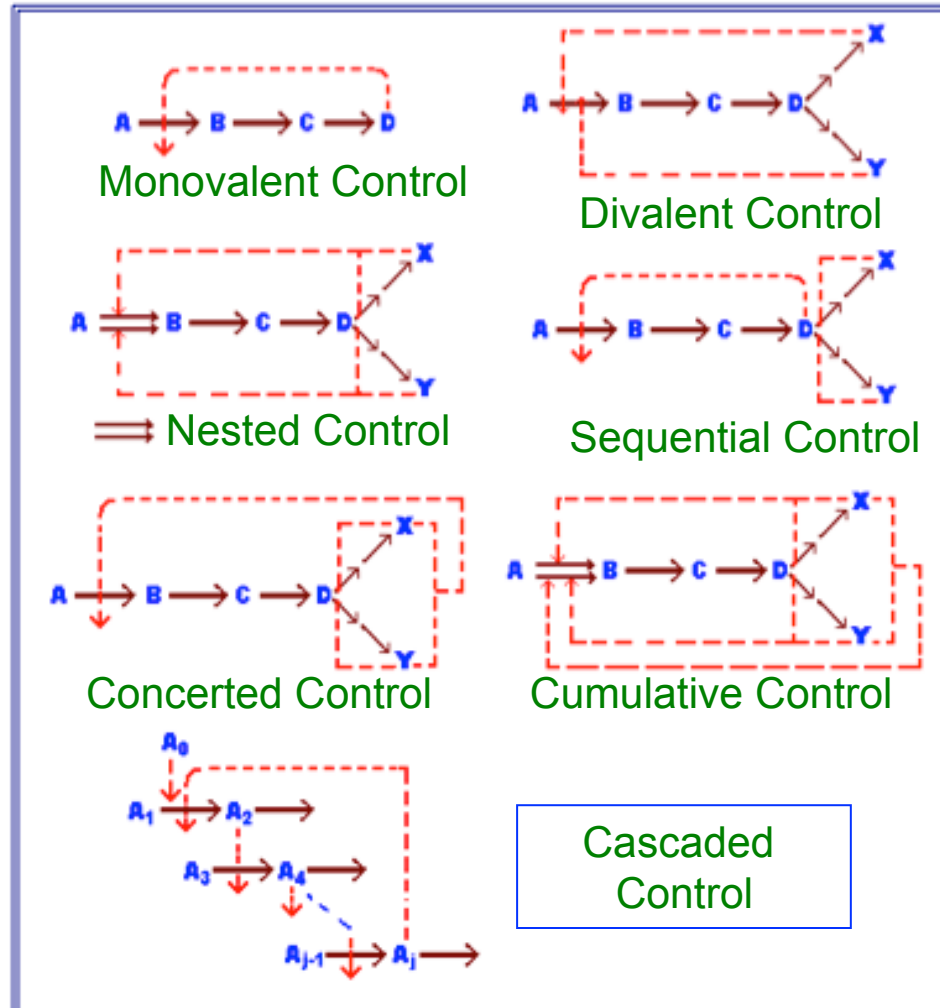


Nodes: Reaction
 Edges: Metabolite

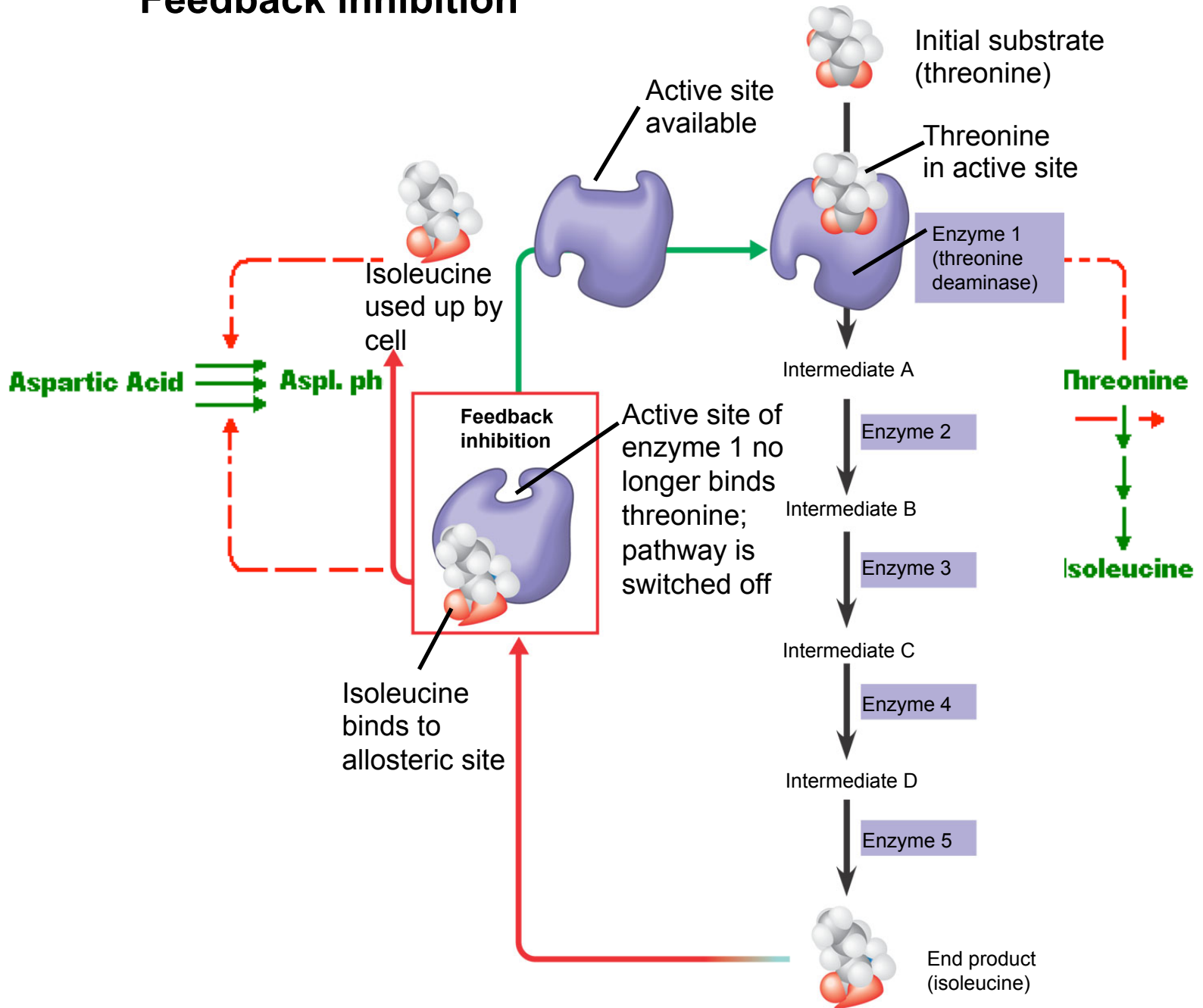
Nodes: Enzymes
 Edges: Metabolite

Patterns of Regulation in Biochemical Pathways in Cells

Biochemical reactions are controlled by multiple levels of feedback processes – for different functional requirements

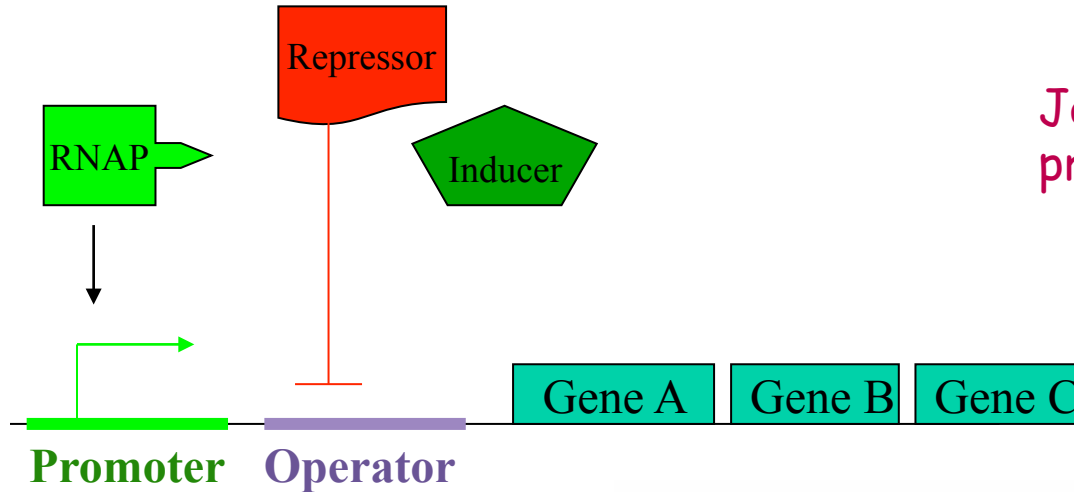


Feedback inhibition



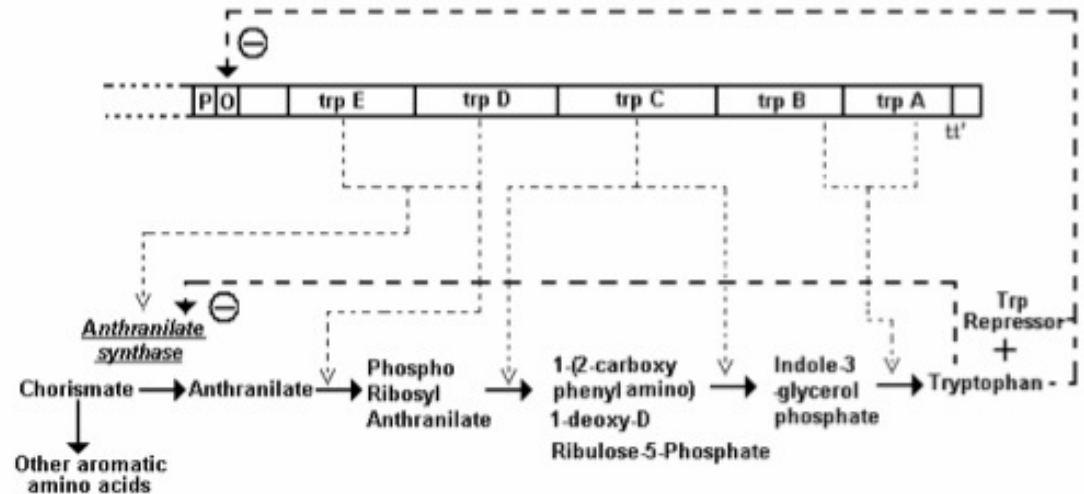
Regulation of gene expression

Organisms take decisions based on input signals and give a binary (0/1) response in some cases.



Jacob & Monod Model of the prokaryotic operon (1961)

Tryptophan Operon

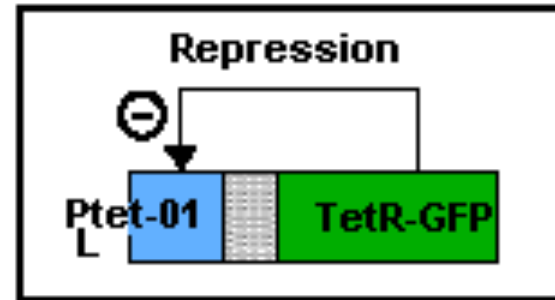


Synthetic transcriptional regulatory networks

1. Single negative feedback:

Negative feedback reduces noise.

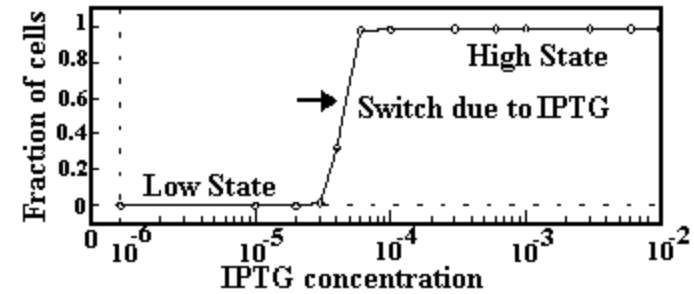
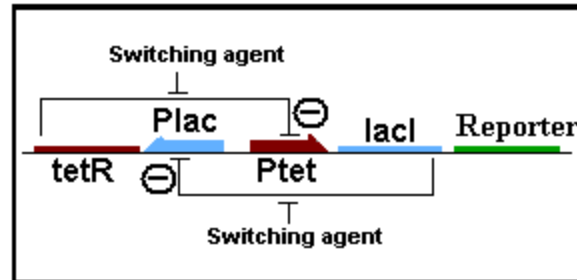
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2. Two nested negative feedback:

The Toggle: Two opposing negative feedback processes lead to switch-like behaviour.

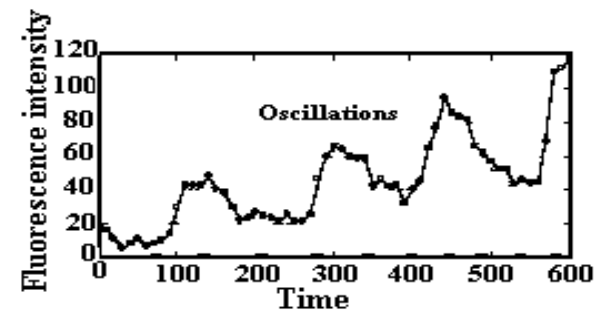
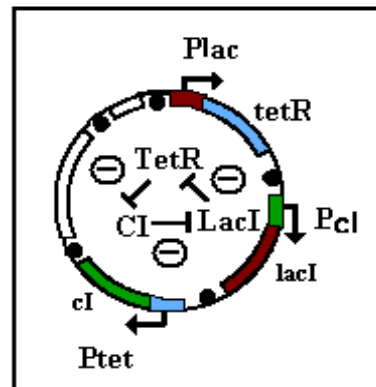
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3. Three negative feedback:

The Repressilator: Oscillates due to mutual repression of the three repressors

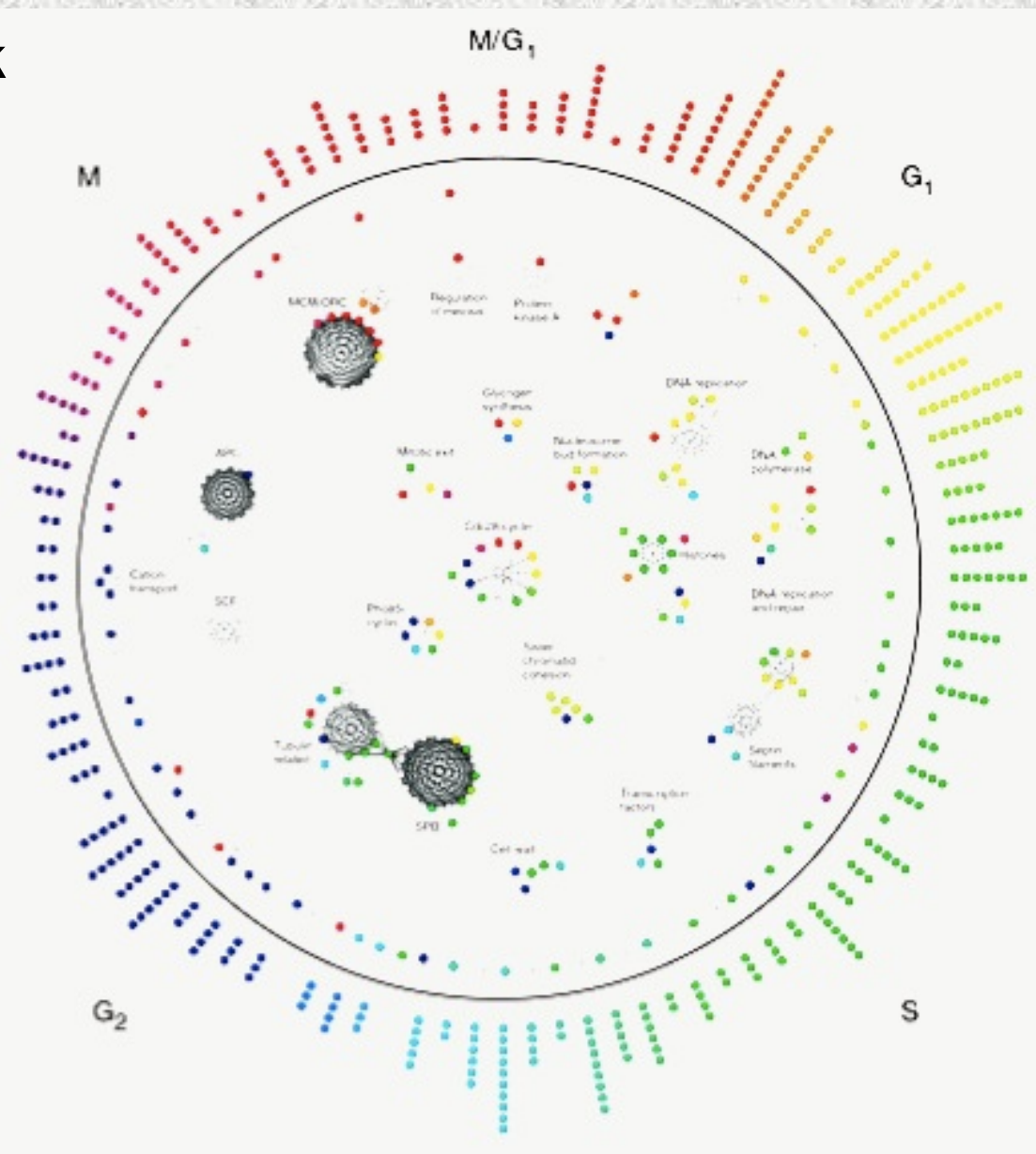
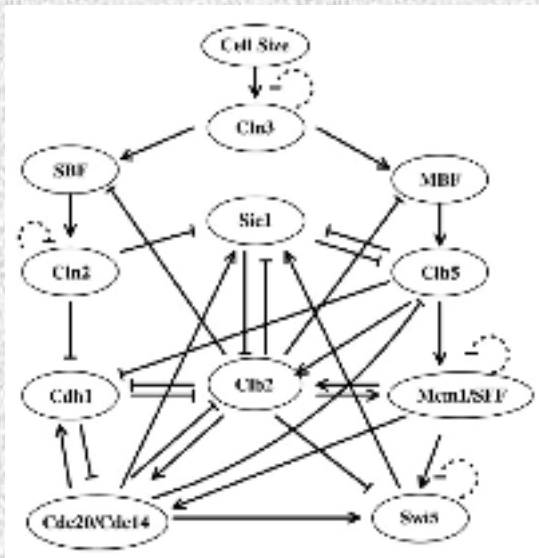
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Yeast Cell Cycle Network

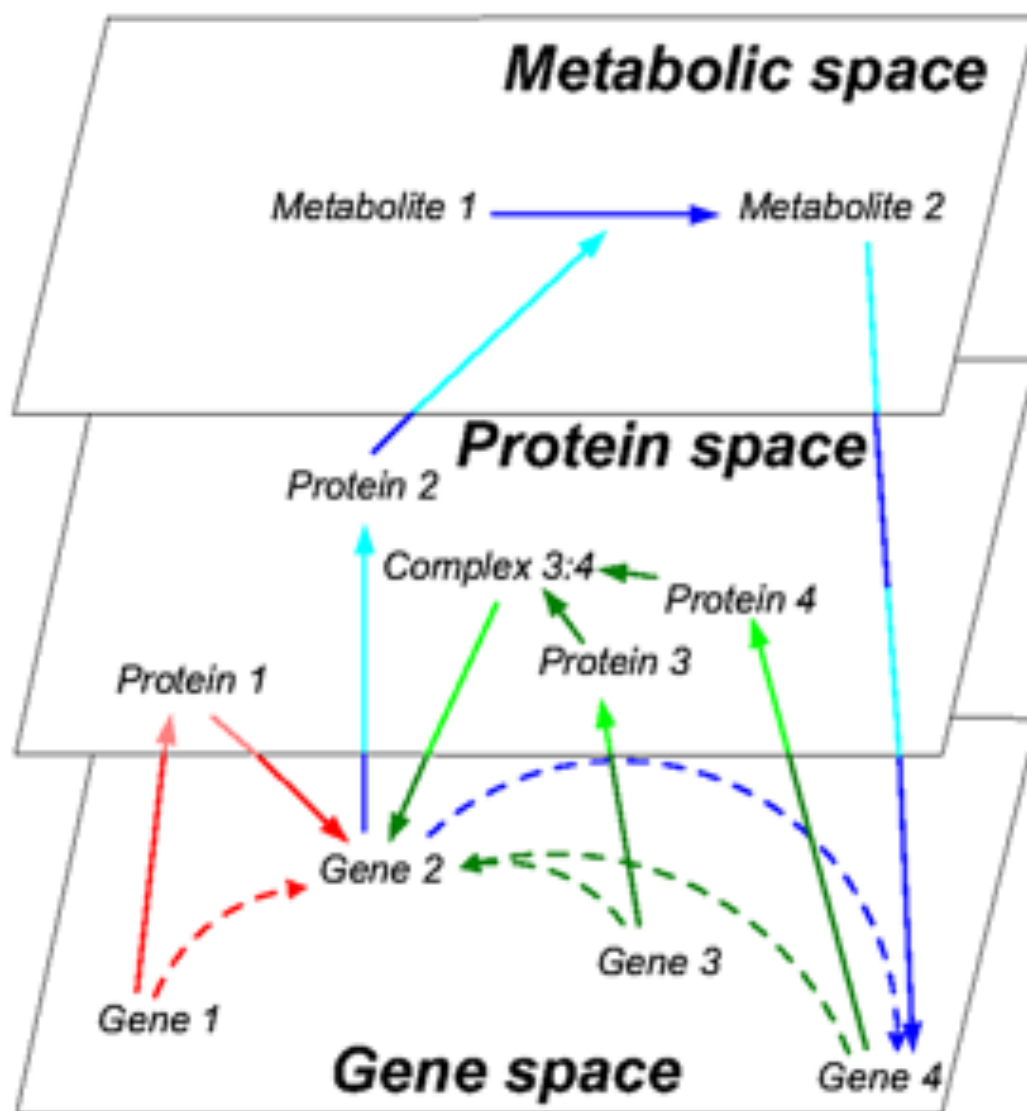
300 proteins (**inside circle**) -
184 dynamic proteins
(coloured according to their
time of peak expression), and
116 static proteins (in white).

For 412 of the 600 dynamic
proteins identified in the micro-
array analysis, no physical
interactions of sufficient
reliability could be found
(**outside circle**).



Lichtenberg, *et al* SCIENCE 2005

Li, *et al* PNAS 2004



Design principles of transcriptional regulation networks that control gene expression

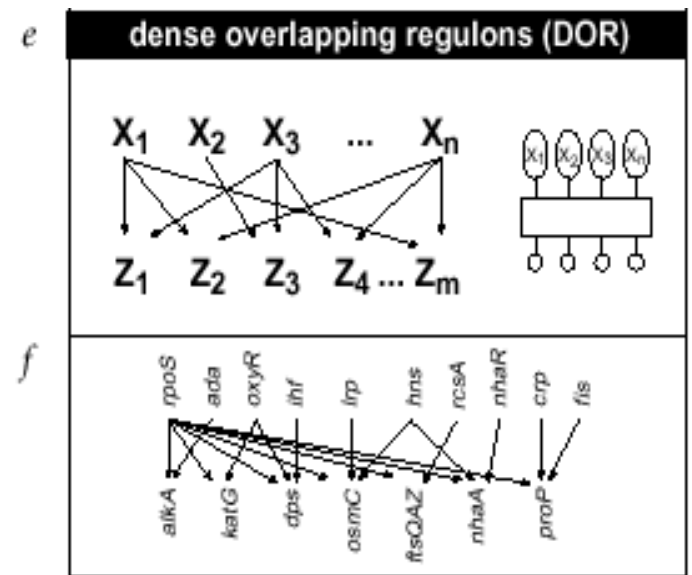
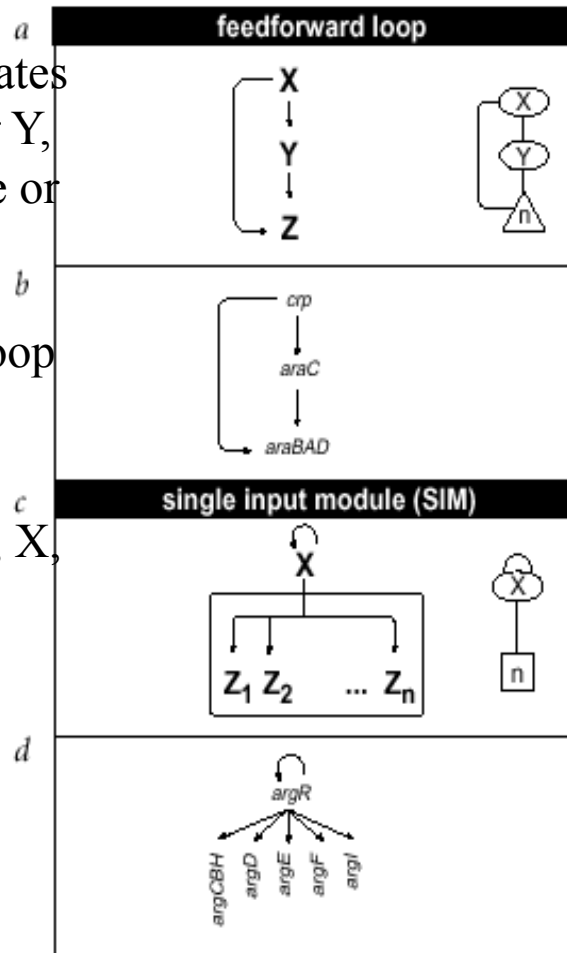
Network motifs found in the *E. coli* transcriptional regulation network

Transcription factor X regulates a second transcription factor Y, and both jointly regulate one or more operons $Z_1 \dots Z_n$

Example of a feedforward loop (L-arabinose utilization).

A single transcription factor, X, regulates a set of operons $Z_1 \dots Z_n$. X is usually auto-regulatory

Example of a SIM system (arginine biosynthesis).



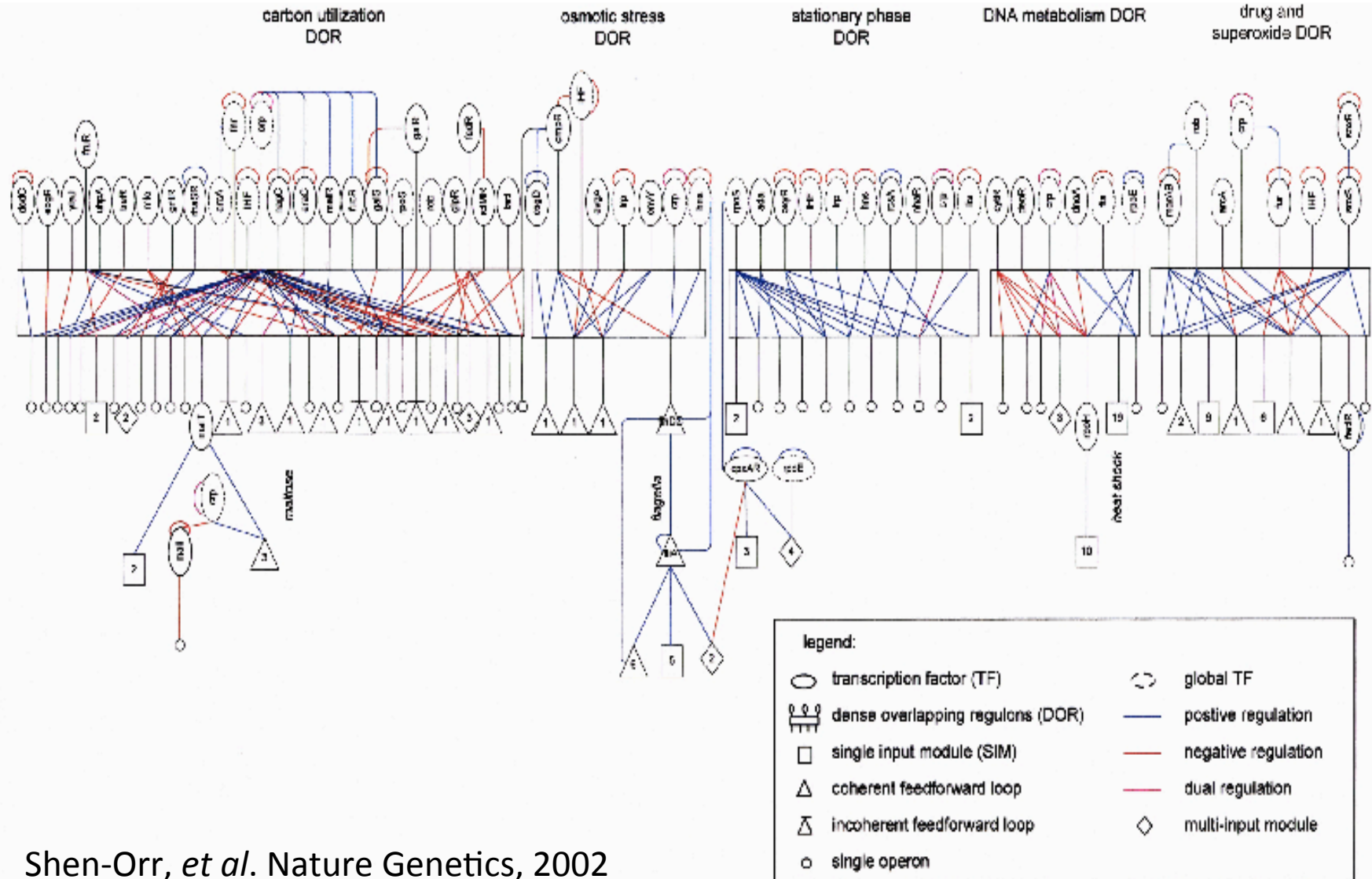
A set of operons $Z_1 \dots Z_m$ are each regulated by a combination of a set of input transcription factors, $X_1 \dots X_n$. Example of a DOR - stationary phase response.

Milo et al, SCIENCE, 2002

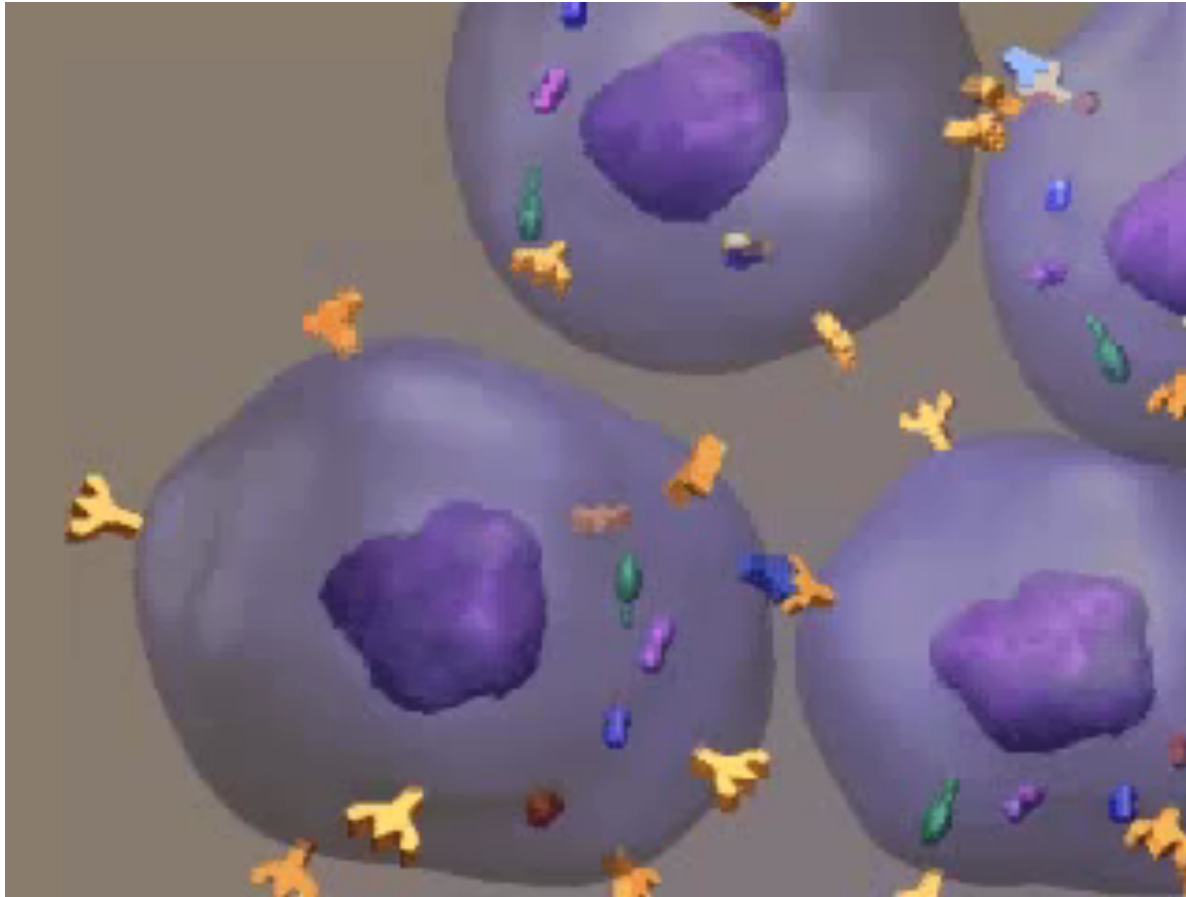
Network Motifs: Simple Building Blocks of Complex Networks.

Global structure of the part of *E. coli* transcription network

Signals from environment are read by transcription factors



SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION



Cellular signaling pathways in different cancer cell lines

1. Ras	9. Cell cycle
2. MAP kinase	10. Apoptosis
3. NFkB	11. pRb
4. EGFR/ PDGFR	12. Hypoxia
5. Wnt	13. TGFb
6. Notch	14. Akt
7. Hedgehog	15. JAK/STAT
8. p53	16. mTOR
	17. JNK

Approaches:

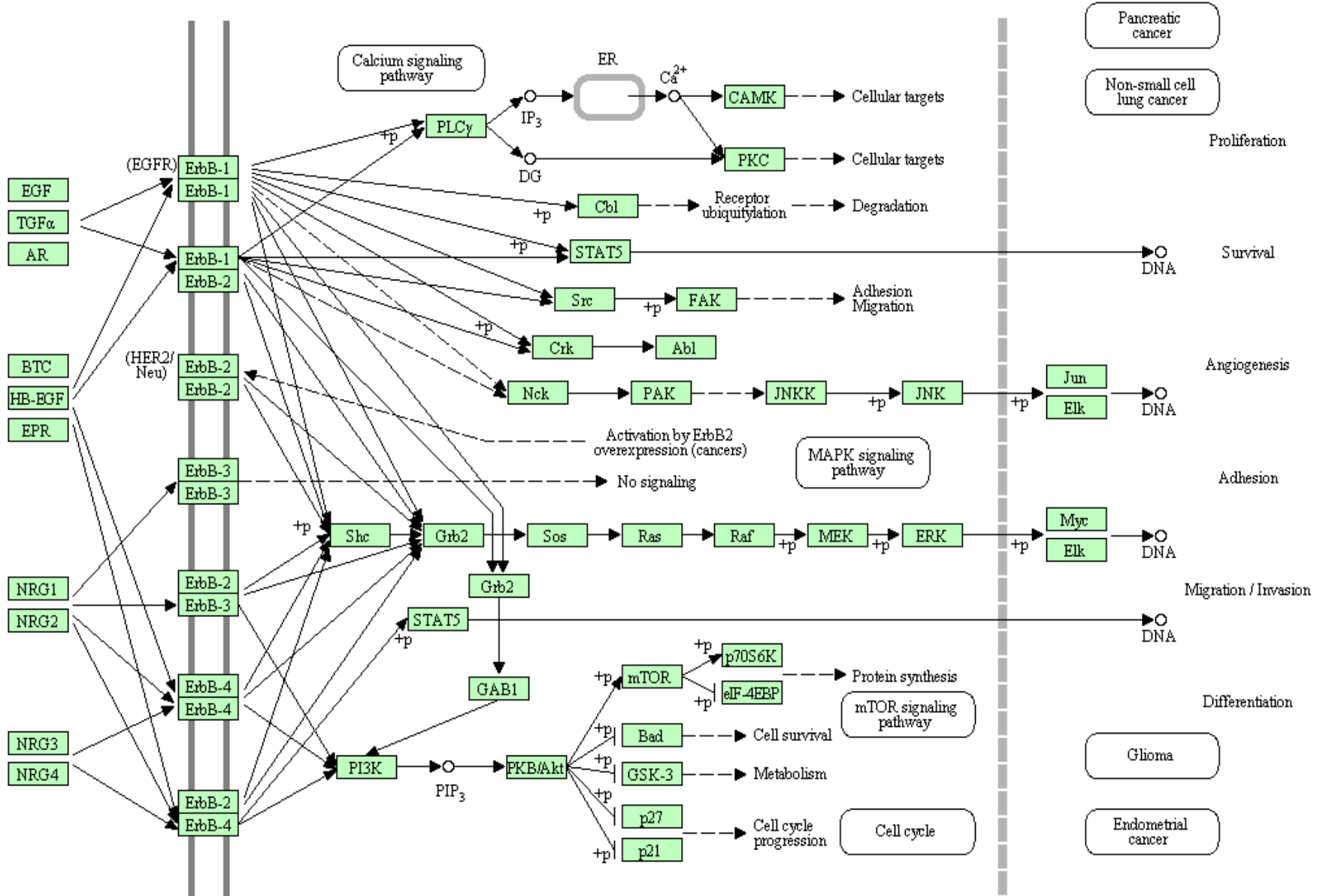
Graph theory to study networks of normal and altered pathways.

Boolean models to study signalling pathways in normal and cancer cell lines

Dynamic models to study the kinetics of regulatory processes

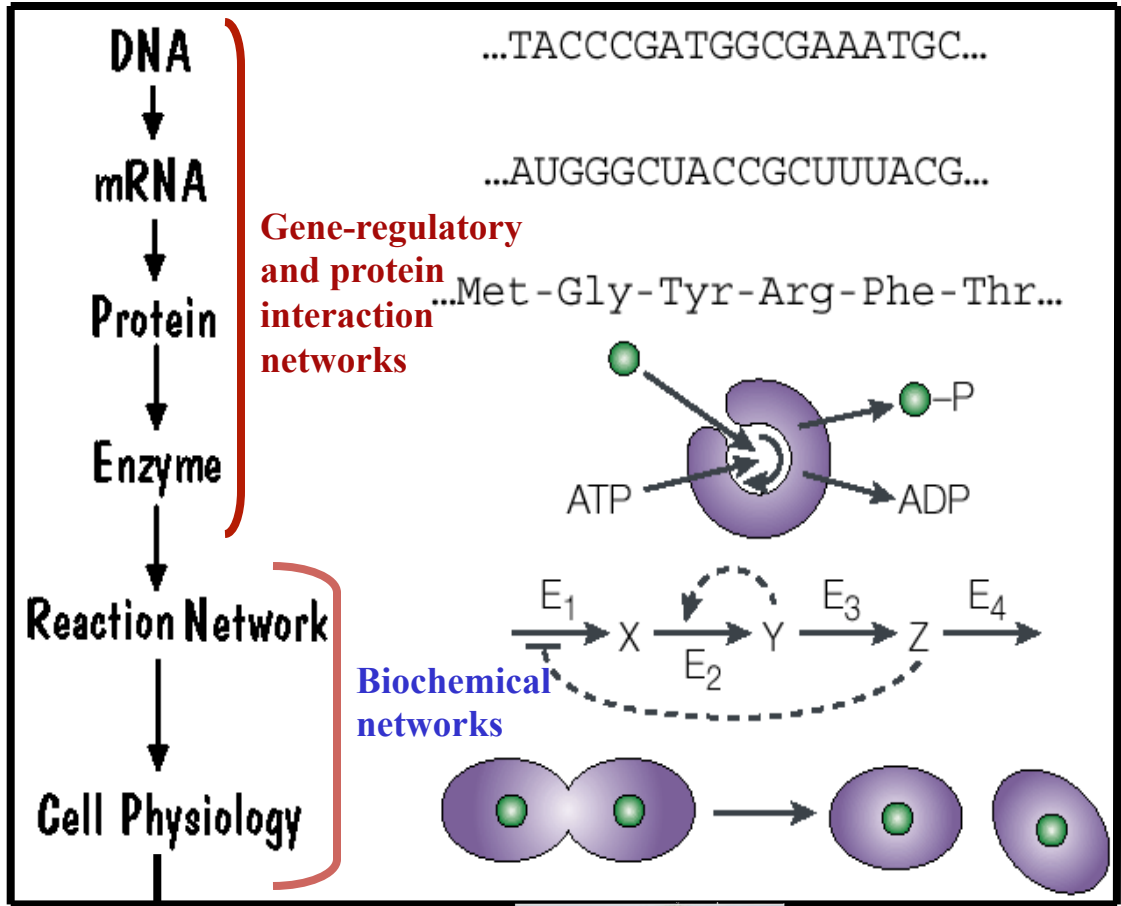
Bolds - pathways which are directly connected or related to MAPK

ERBB MAPK PATHWAY (KEGG)



Flow of Information in Biology

FLOW OF INFORMATION

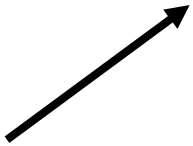


Ecological systems

**FOODWEBS,
CONTACT NETWORKS
IN EPIDEMIOLOGY**



Social systems



**Multicellular
systems**



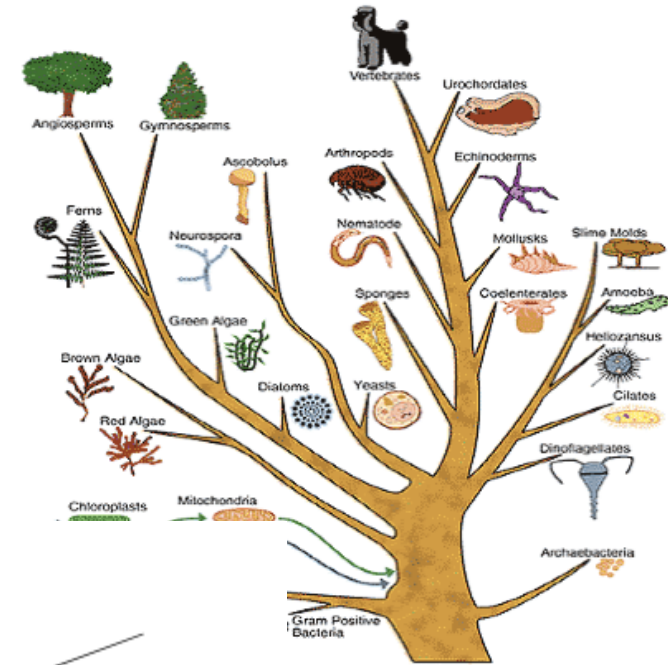
Slime mold

Understand the diversity of life

Number of species (estimated): 7–100 millions (identified and unidentified), including: 5–10 million **bacteria**;
74,000–120,000 **fungi**

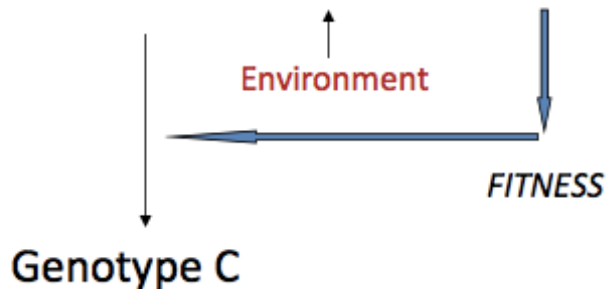
1. Modification through descent

2. Natural selection



Genotypes A, B → Phenotypes A, B

Mutation +
Recombination



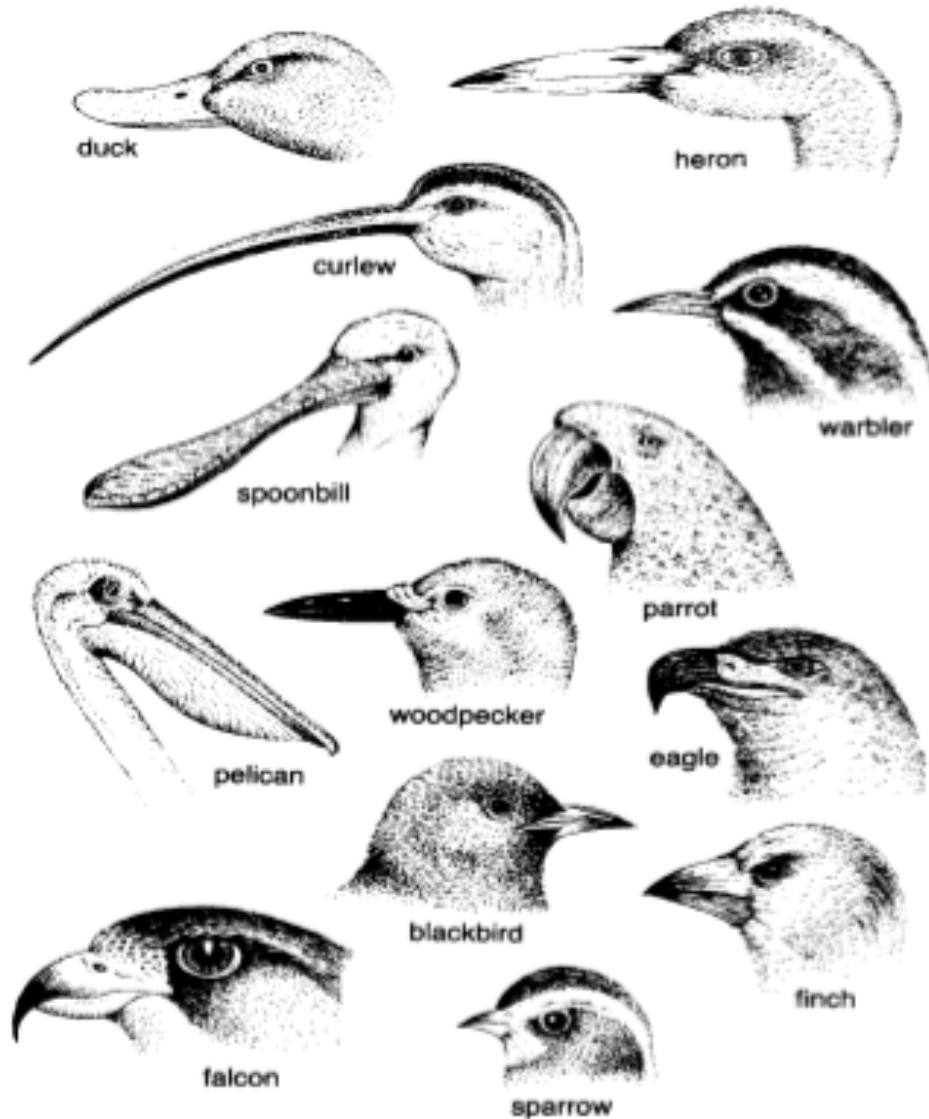
Selection

The genotype and environment together specify the phenotype

How do genotypes map to phenotypes?

(going from genes to traits)

Signature of natural selection: Adaptation



Adaptation works only
in the short term.

Natural selection has
no way of planning for
the long term.

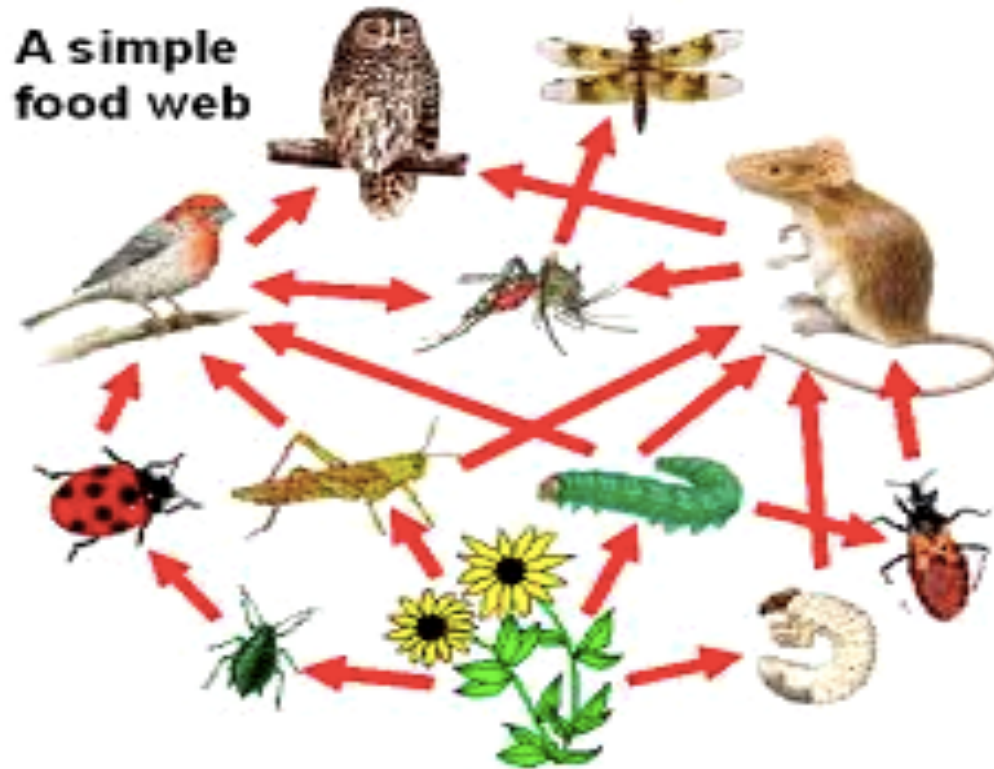
**SOCIAL & ECONOMIC BEHAVIOUR -
COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR (Panic),
PRICE FLUCTUATIONS,
CRASHES IN STOCK MARKETS, etc**



**The Great Coral Reef - Ecosystem
Many species interact with each
other in different ways
Many networks of interaction**



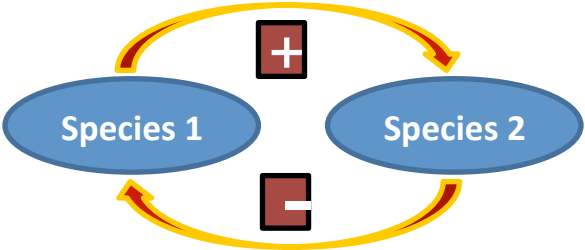
Ecological network



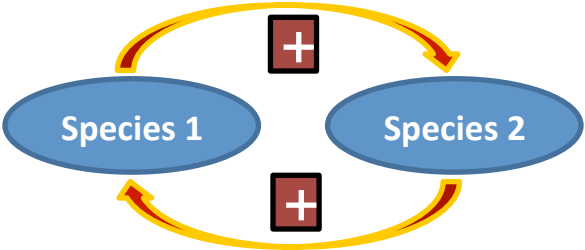
- Node- Organisms
- Edge- interaction

- The interactions among different communities of organisms are modeled.
- Effects of introducing new organisms in the network (GM crop, foreign predators, weeds/shrubs, etc)
- Effects of losing one member species in the network – how much change in biodiversity ?
- Studies in epidemiology and collective behavior of organisms

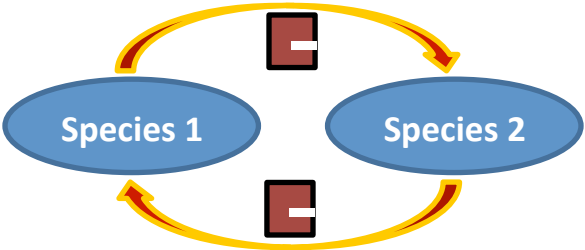
Types of ecological interactions



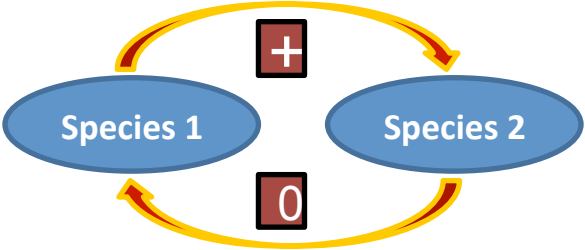
Predation



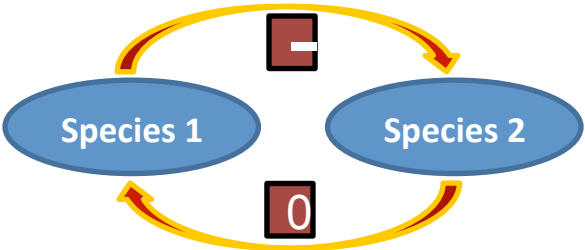
Competition



Mutualism



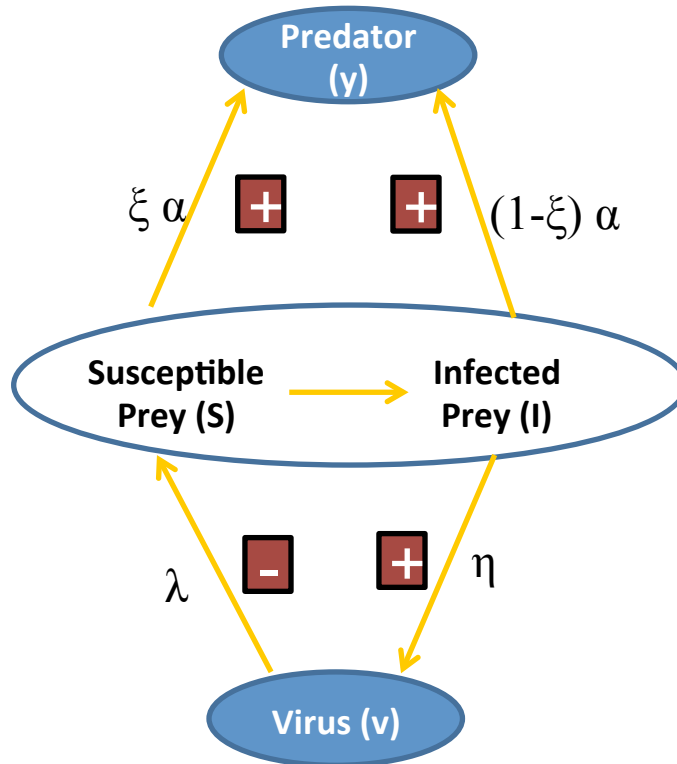
Commensalism



Ammensalism

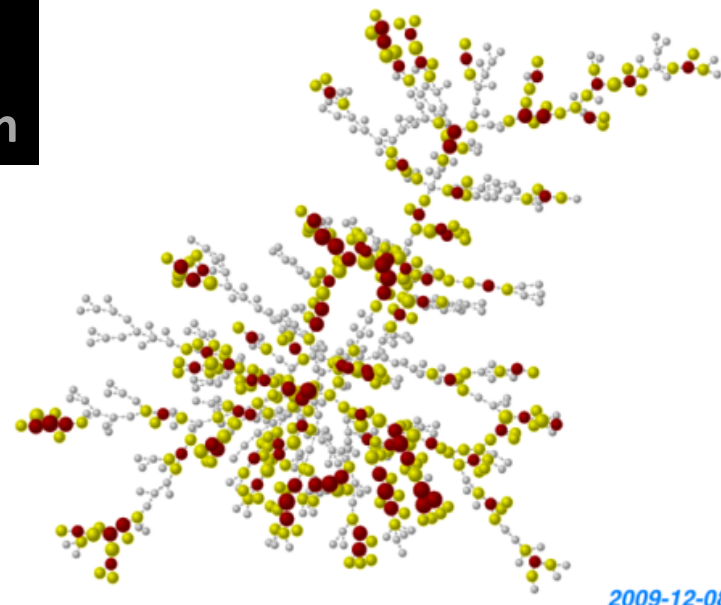
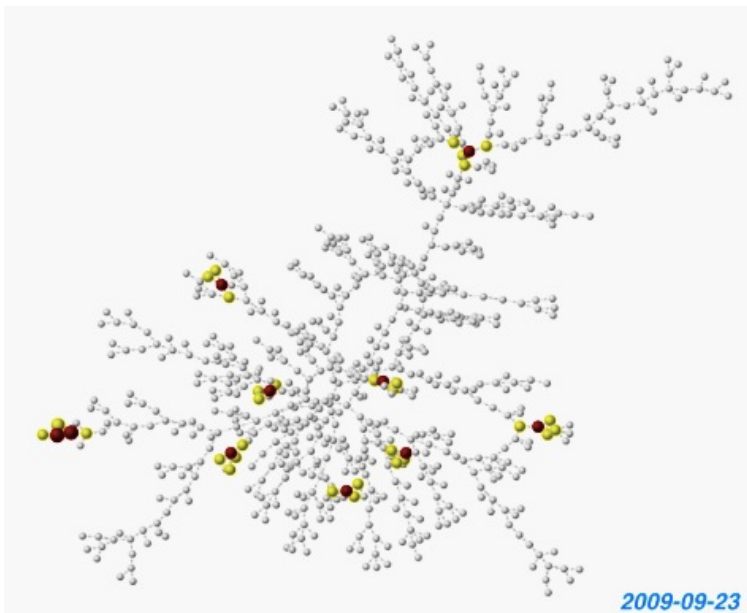
Ecological models

Lotka–Volterra equation



Flu progression in friendship network

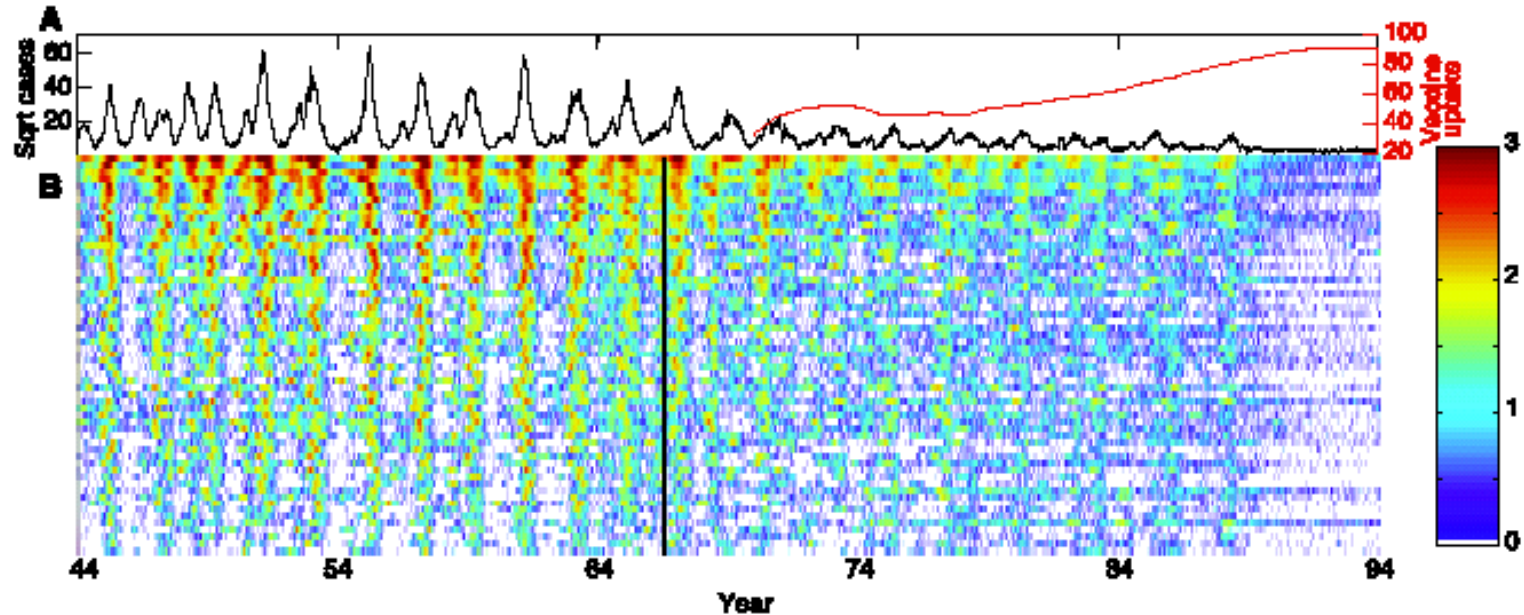
- Friends
- Infected
- General Population



Infectious Diseases spread through contacts of infected individual to uninfected.

Friends, Family members form higher risk group in progression of contagious diseases.

Measles and whooping cough notifications in England and Wales from 1944 to 1994



- (A) Time series for measles in London (black line) and vaccine uptake levels (percentage of infants vaccinated) for England and Wales, starting in 1968 (red line).
- (B) The spatial distribution of $\log_{10}(1 + \text{measles cases})$ with cities arranged in descending order of population size (from top to bottom) and colors denoting epidemic intensity (white regions highlight periods with no reported cases). The vertical black line represent the onset of vaccination.

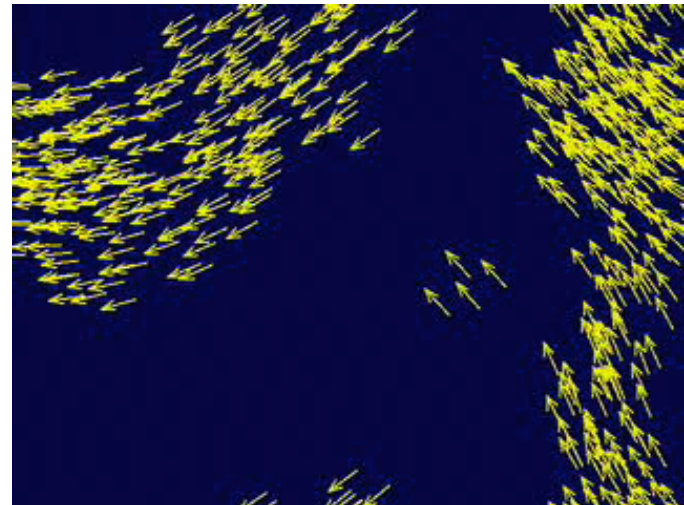
Organisation of Group Behaviour

Bird Flock, Bacterial Swarm, Fish School, Animal Herd

Interesting flocking phenomena occur when many organisms move together and each try to follow its neighbours

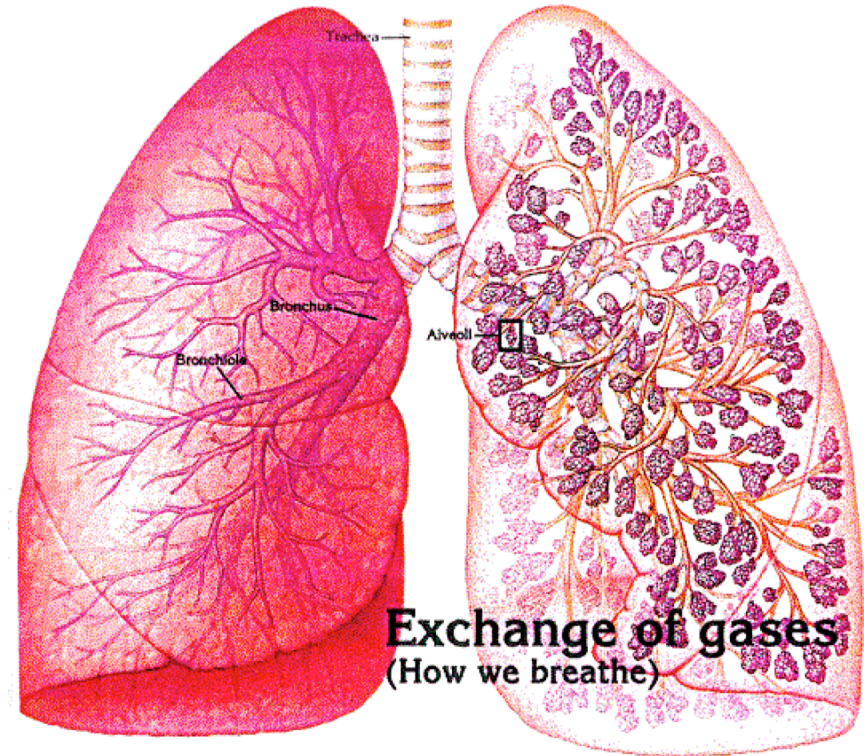
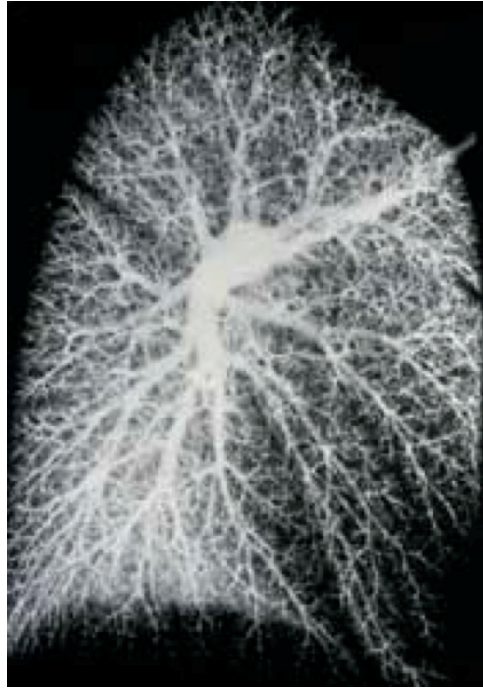
Global pattern formation based on local information

The transition which can be observed as a function of the perturbations is unique to the system



From Tamas Vicsek's website

Patterns of tissue or organ structure- helps in functions



The lungs have an extensive network of blood vessels. This aids in excellent blood supply that is needed to transport oxygen away from the lungs efficiently.

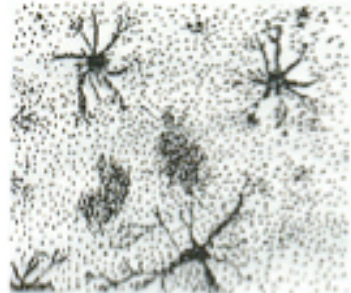
Spatio-Temporal Patterns

change lead to developmental irregularities

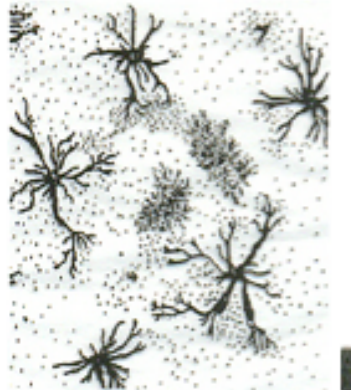
social amoebae



Free-living cells - eat and reproduce



Cells aggregate (signal (cAMP) relay)



Large aggregation centres formed

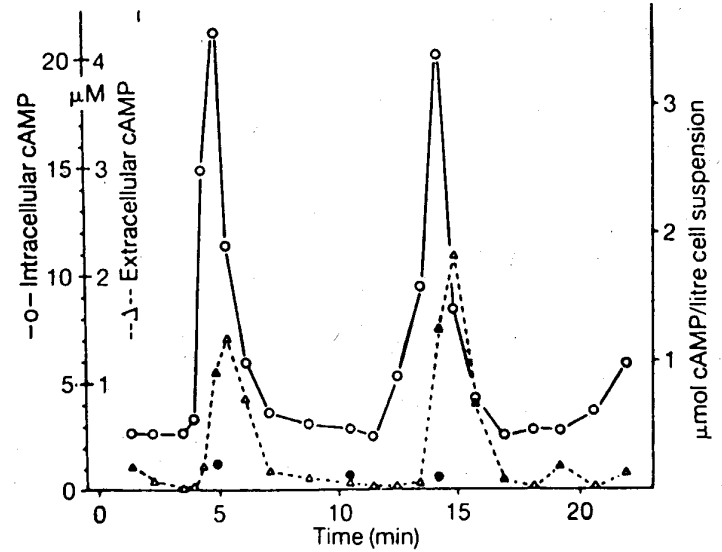


Mound of cells form slug

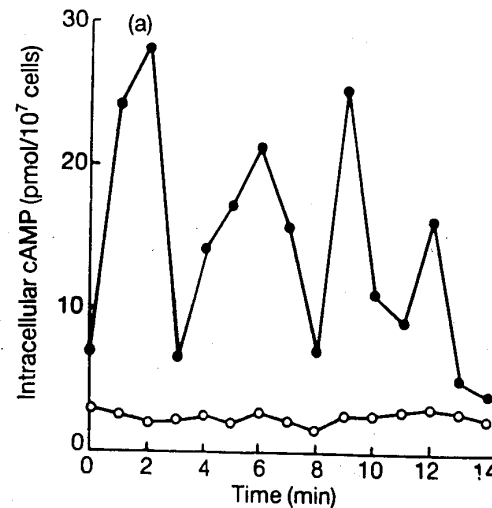


Fruiting body with stalk and spore cells

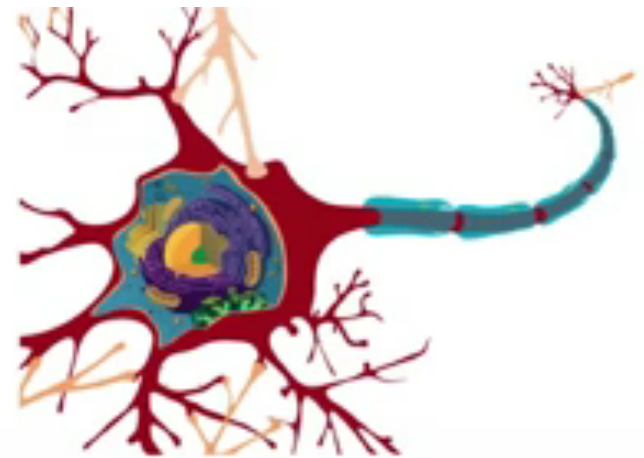
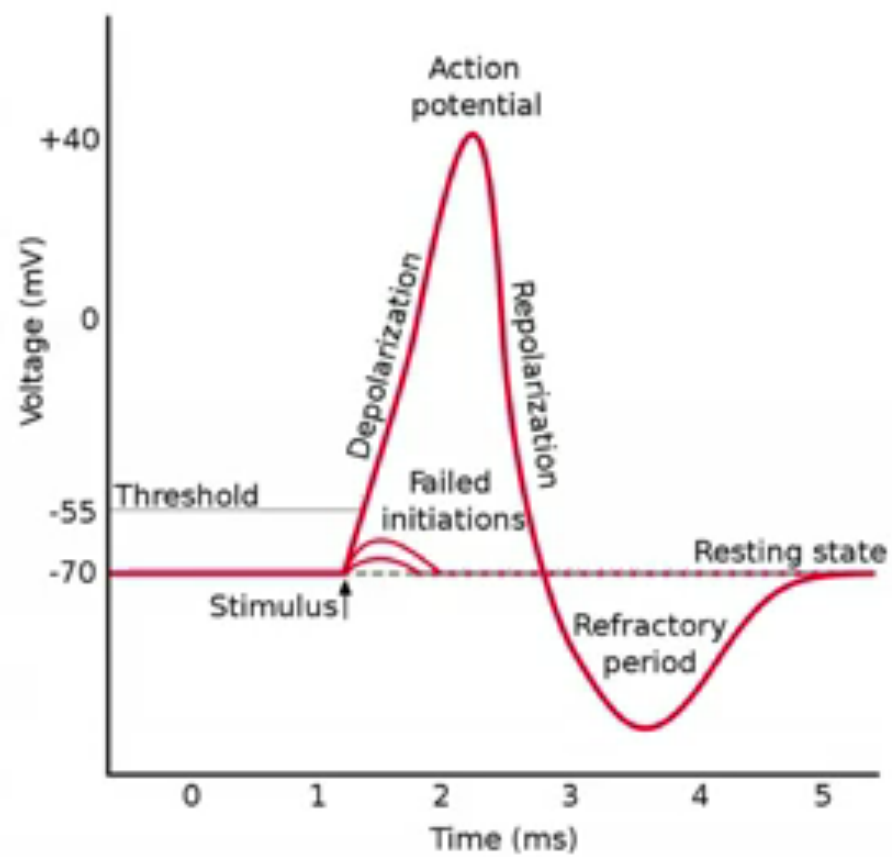
Active communication and interaction among the cells



6.5 Mutant Fr17: autonomous chaos?



This mutant strain does not form slug and fruiting body



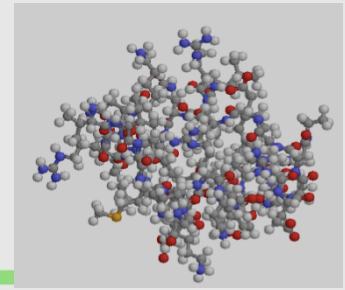
Synapse activity in neuronal network

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PROTEINS AS NETWORKS



PROTEIN

A linear chain of different amino acids
connected through chemical bonds

The resulting whole

structurally complex and functionally sophisticated
molecule possessing emergent properties

A SYSTEM

What about Proteins ?

- ❖ Proteins are synthesised in the cell as linear chains of amino acids having thousands of atoms and hence millions of possible inter-atomic interactions
- ❖ Protein chain folds **through short and long range interactions** into secondary and tertiary (and quaternary) structures.
- ❖ Proteins acquire their three-dimensional structures in surprisingly short time (within sec/min).
- ❖ Proteins perform sophisticated biochemical functions specified by their detailed 3-D structures.

The three-dimensional structures of proteins can be studied as networks of amino acids whose large scale features may give indications of their biophysical properties.

The polypeptide chains that make up proteins have thousands of atoms and hence millions of possible inter-atomic interactions.

Does the resulting complexity make prediction of protein structure and protein-folding mechanisms nearly impossible ?

The fundamental physics underlying folding may be much simpler than this complexity would allude to:

Folding rates and mechanisms appear to be largely determined by the topology of the native (folded) state.

New methods have shown great promise in predicting protein-folding mechanisms and their three-dimensional structures.

The challenge is to improve these models so that they can contribute to the interpretation of genome sequence information.

We use Network Analysis, based on Graph Theory, to construct “**Contact Networks**” from the native structures of the Proteins - as **networks of their constituent amino acids**.

We study various **network parameters** of these protein of different structural classes, which offer **insight into the structural organisation and correlate them to biophysical properties** of the proteins, such as, the folding kinetics.

We use these **global parameters** of the protein networks to identify **functionally important residues, and visualise structural perturbations occurring during ligand-binding and allosteric regulation**.

DATA & NETWORK ANALYSES

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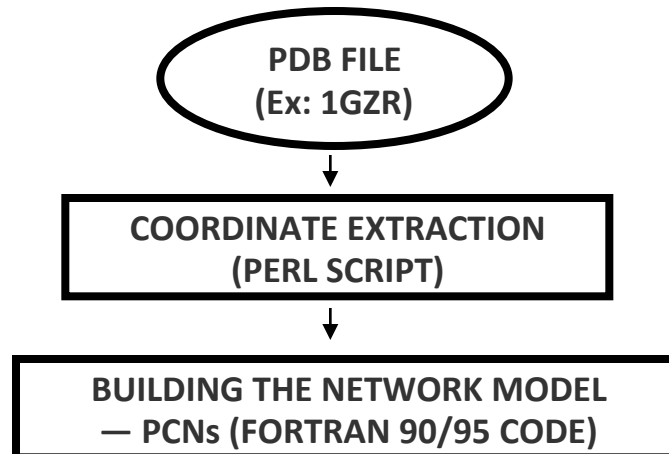
Protein Data Bank (PDB).

DATA ACQUISITION and NETWORK ANALYSES:

Fortran 90/95, Perl

ANALYSES and VISUALIZATION:

MATLAB, GNUPLOT, Graphviz, SPSS, Pajek



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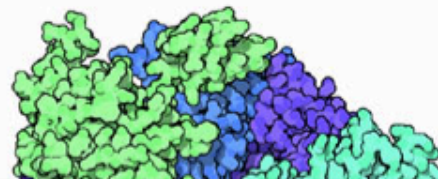
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Comments? info@rcsb.org

Molecule of the Month: Exosomes



Our genetic information is stored safely inside the nucleus of each cell. However, most of the action in a typical cell occurs outside the nucleus: proteins are built in the cytoplasm, energy is produced in the mitochondria, and interactions with the environment occur at the cell surface. So,

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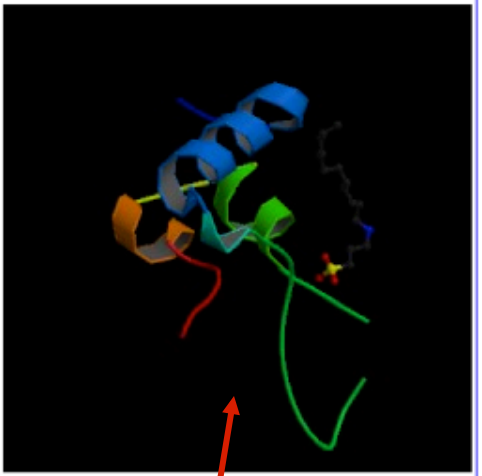
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Images and Visualization

Biological Molecule / Asymmetric Unit



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3D structure

PROTEIN NETWORK MODELS

Protein Contact Network (PCN)

is based on spatial contacts made by residues in the polypeptide chain.

Coarse-grained model:

Any two residues are said to be in spatial contact, if the C-alpha atoms are within a threshold distance; $R_c \leq 8 \text{ \AA}$.

(Results are independent of R_c , for $5 \text{ \AA} \leq R_c \leq 10 \text{ \AA}$)

All atom networks are also built for studying certain kinds of problems

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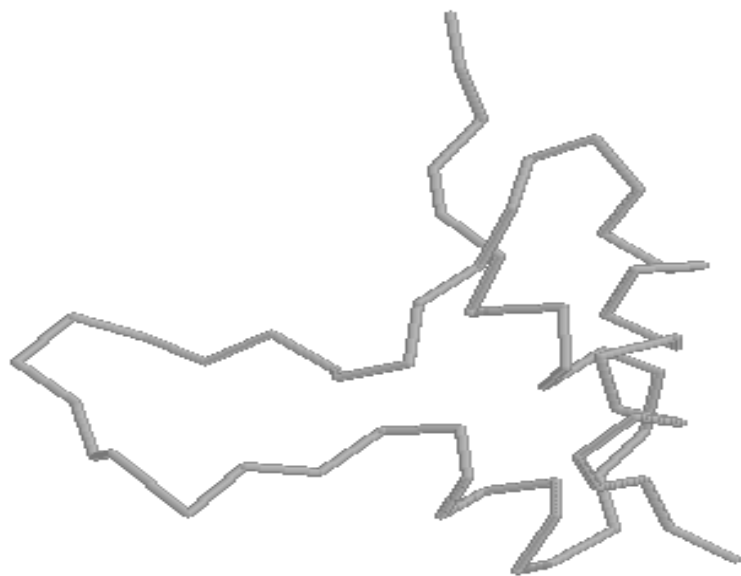
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4	10.106471	6.74347			3.796397	0	1	1	
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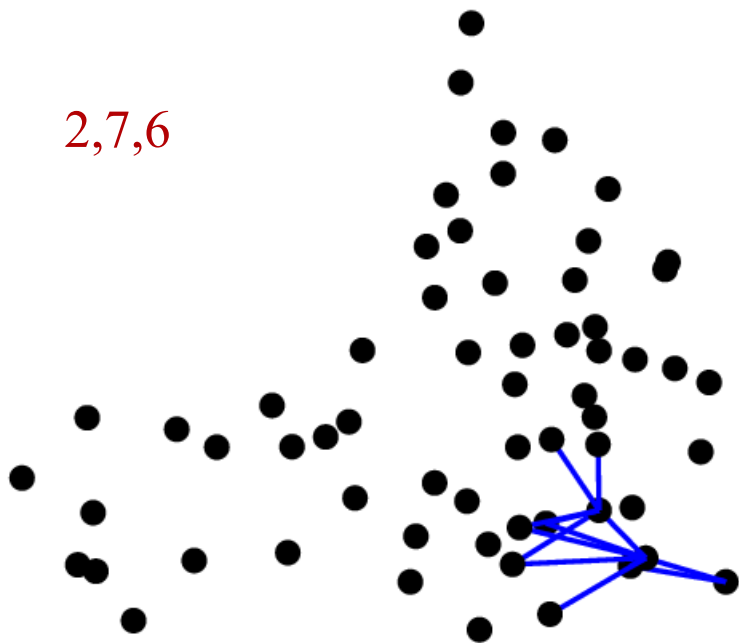
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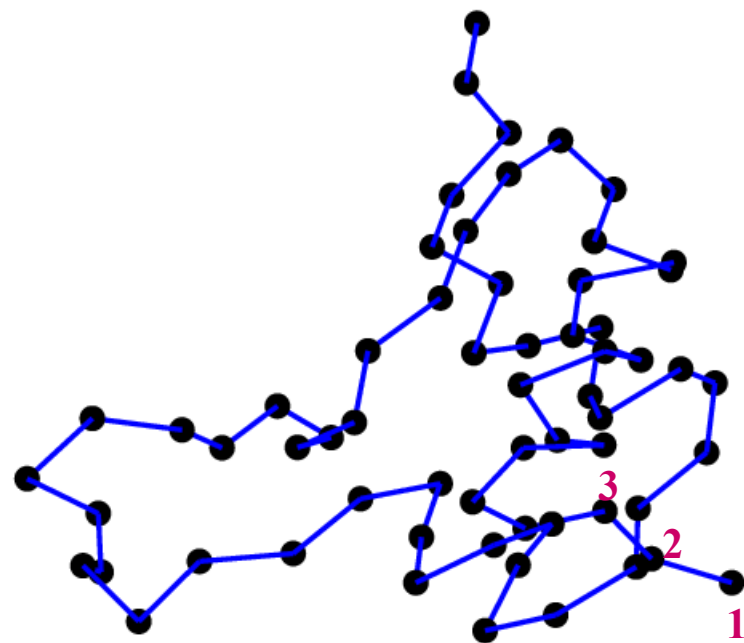
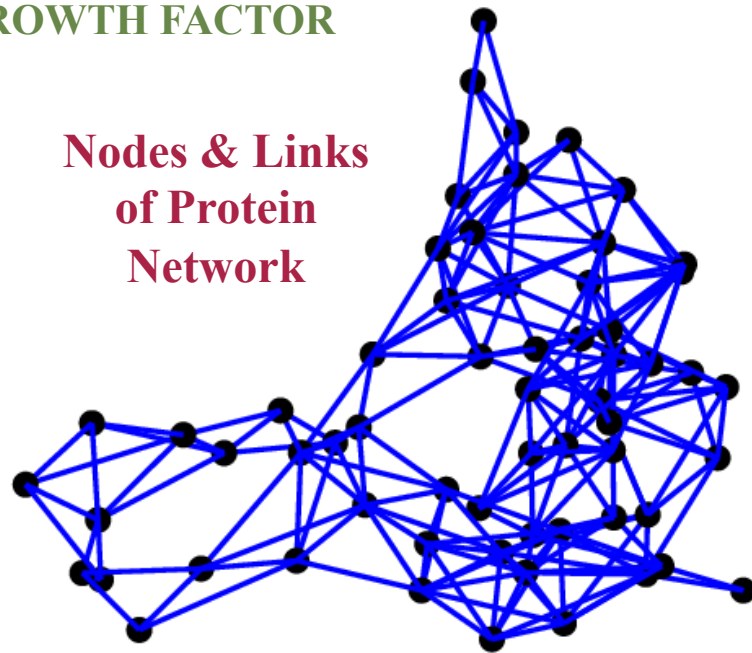


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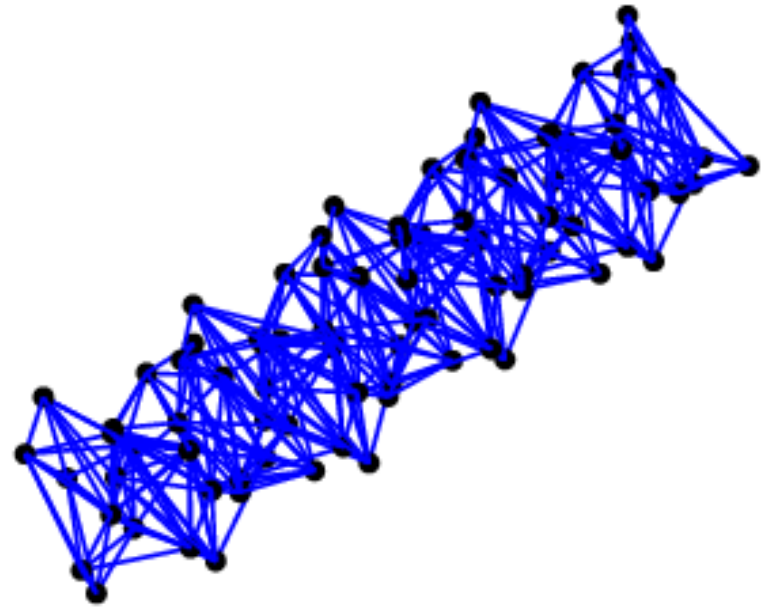
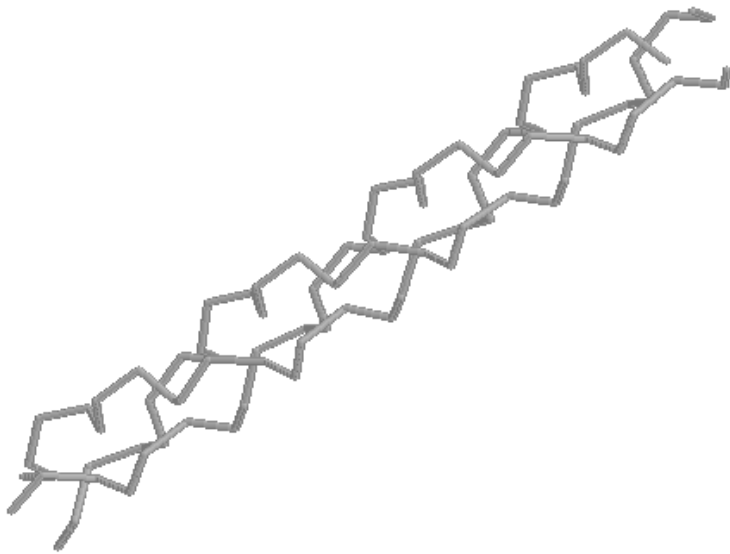


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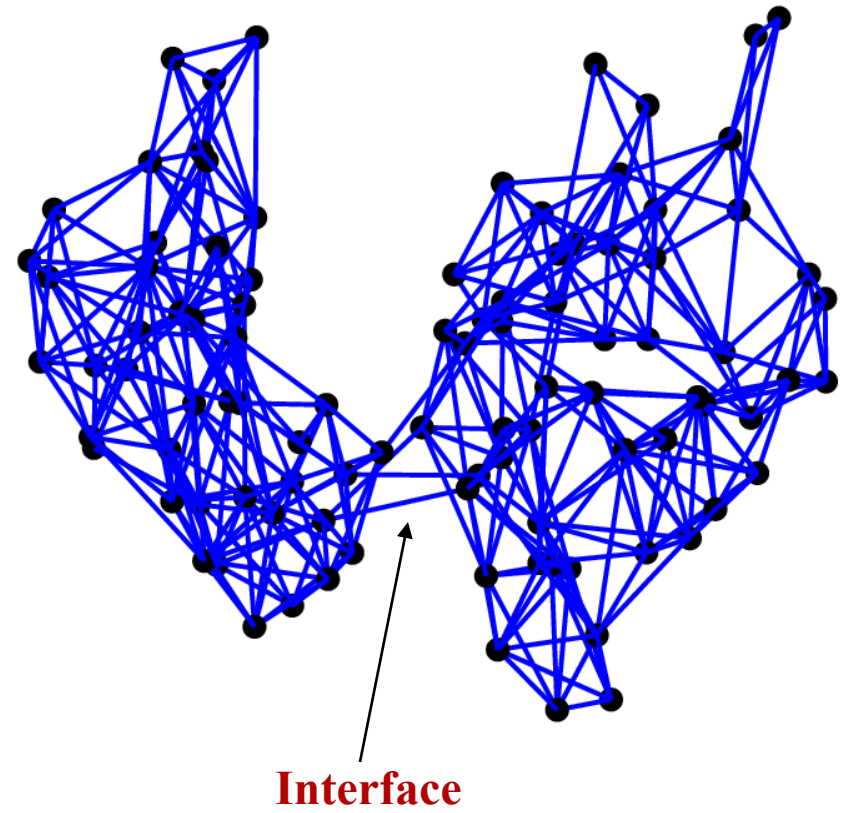
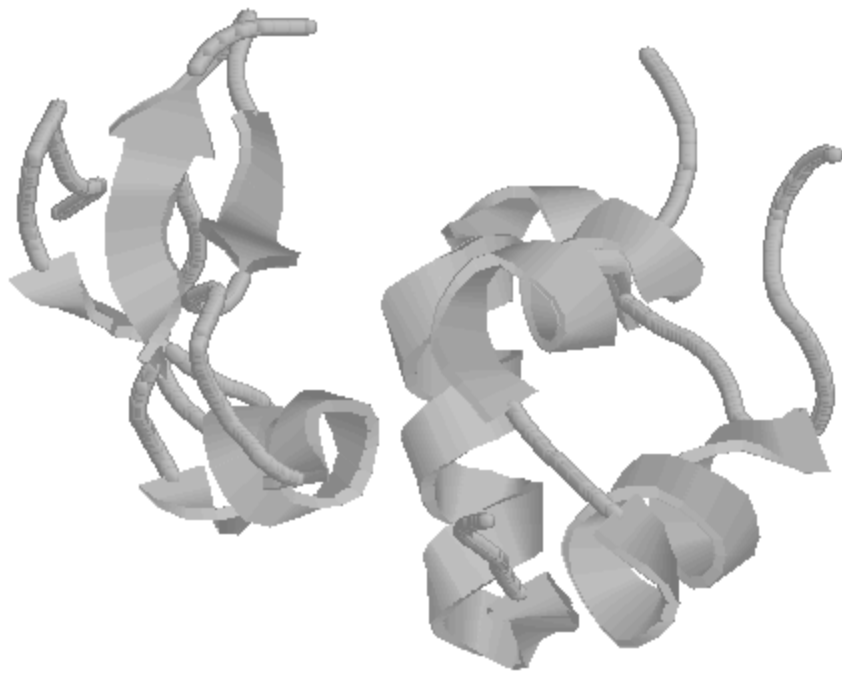
Nodes & Links
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Network



Fibrous Protein : Backbone picture and network model (1qsu)



A Protein : Cartoon and network model (1h59)



Long-range Interaction Networks in Protein Structures

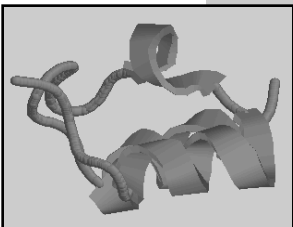
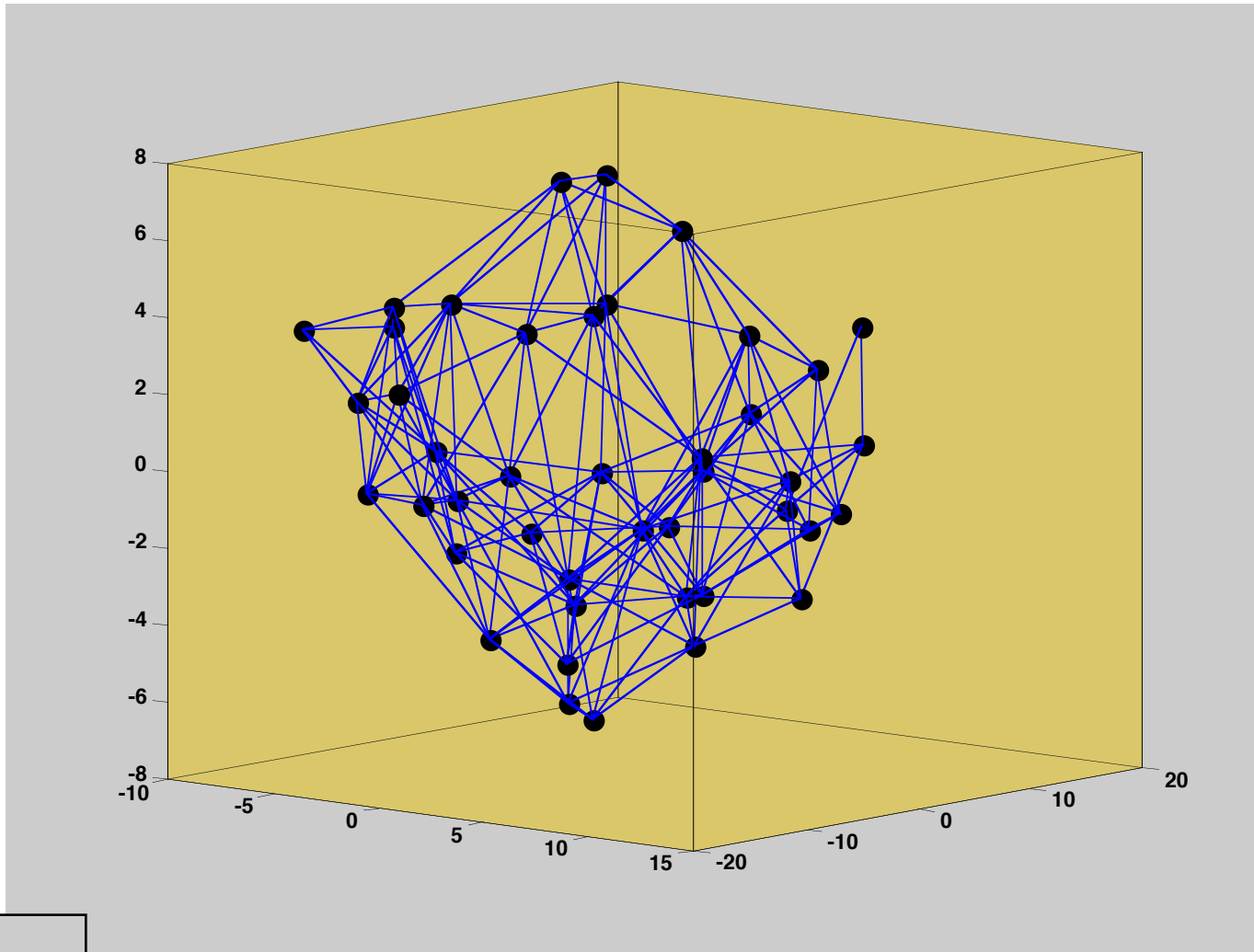
Long-range interactions are known to play a distinct role in determining the tertiary structure of the proteins, as opposed to the short-range interactions, which could be largely contributing to the secondary structure formations.

To study the contribution of the long-range interactions to topological properties, Long-range Interaction Networks (LRI/LIN) are obtained by considering only those spatial contacts which occur between nodes that are 'distant' (12 amino acids) from each other along the polypeptide chain.

(Typical lengths of an α helix and a β strand are 11 and 6 residues)

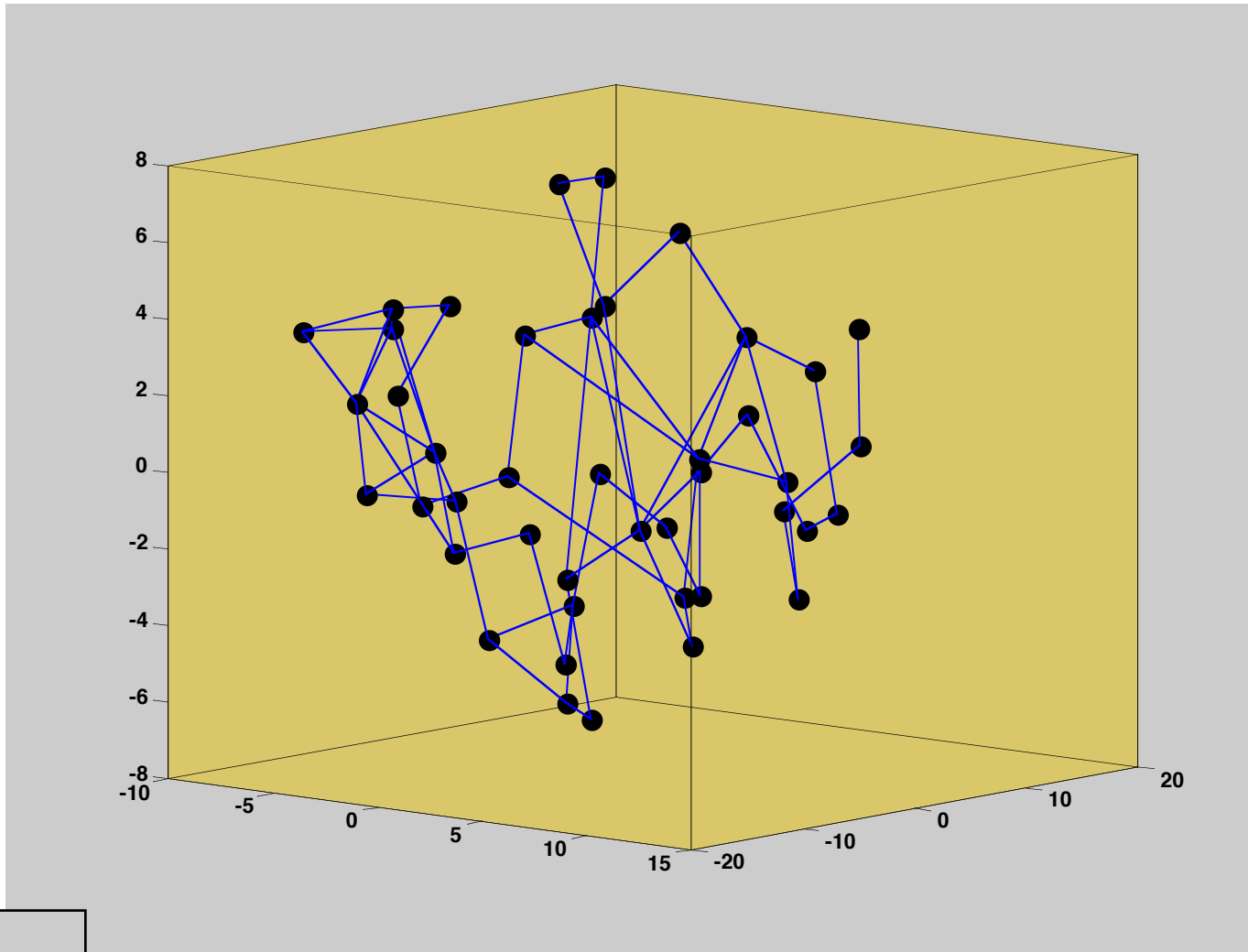
LRI is a subset of the amino acid network with same number of nodes but fewer number of links

BUILDING PROTEIN NETWORK MODELS



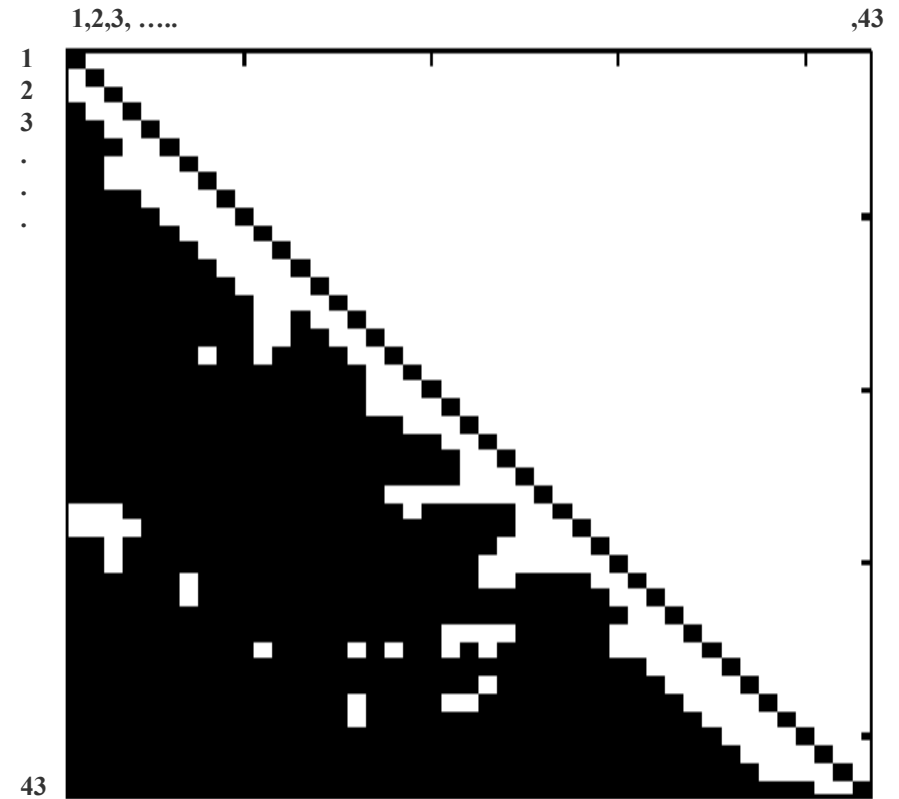
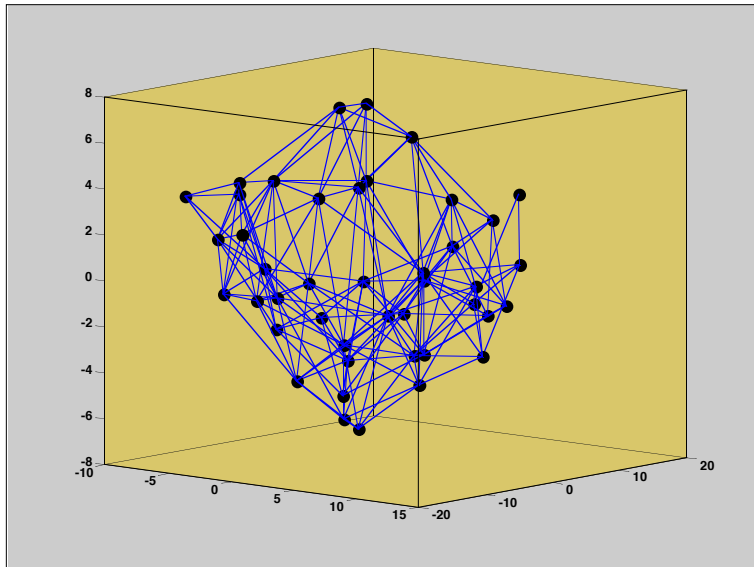
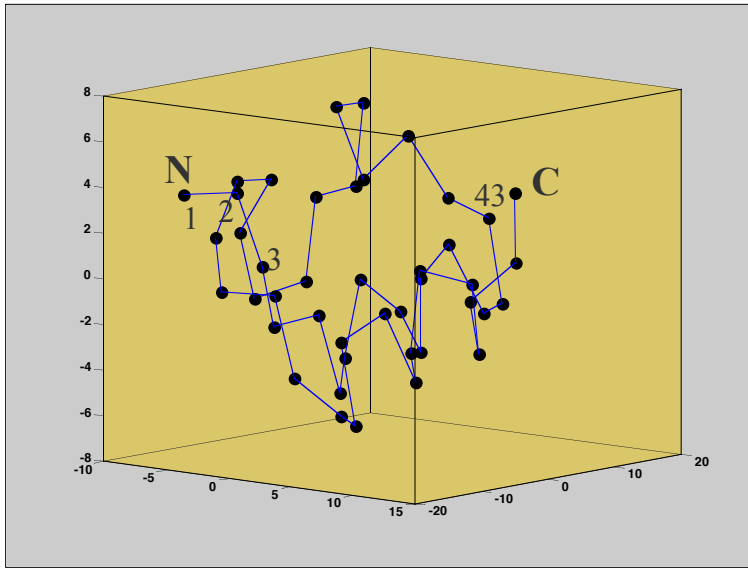
Protein Contact Network (PCN)


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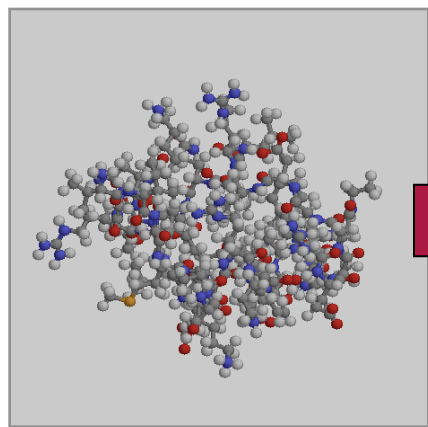
Long-range Interaction Network (LIN)

CONTACT MAP— A 2-D PICTURE OF PROTEIN

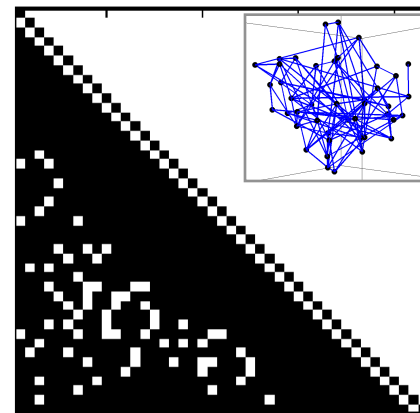
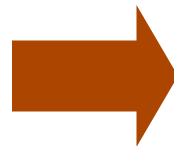
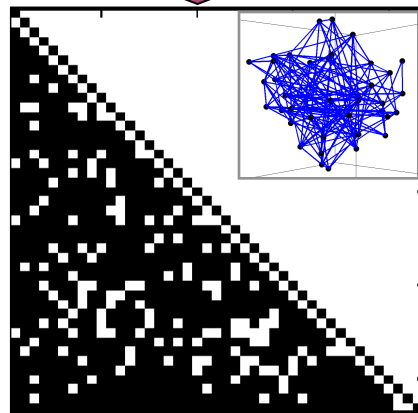
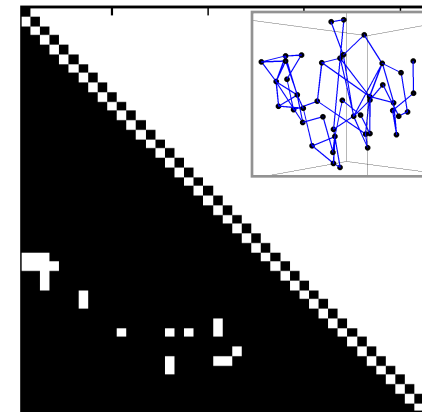
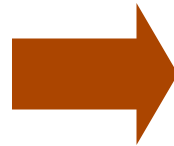
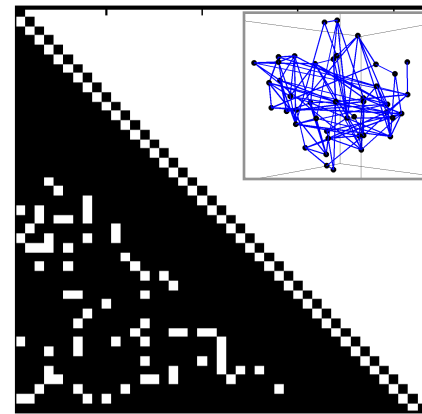
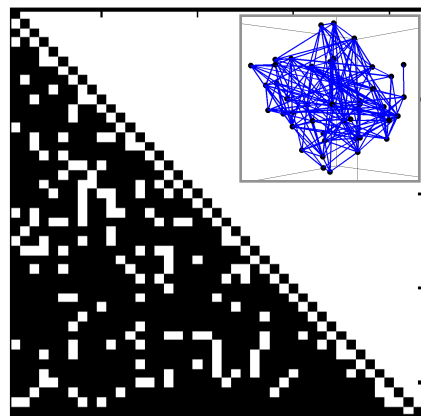
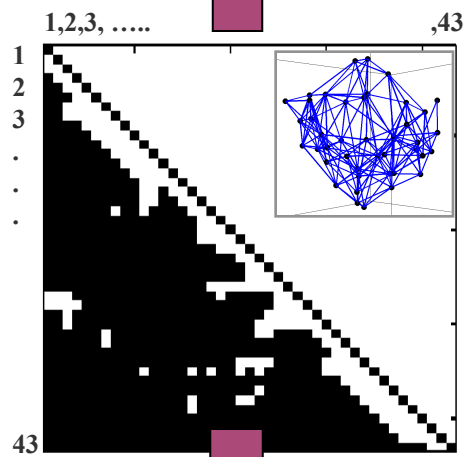
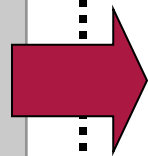


 Residues *not* in contact.

 Residues make a contact.



ACYLTRANSFERASE (2PDD)



“Networks offer a new way to categorize systems of very different origin under a single framework.

This approach has uncovered unexpected similarities between the organization of various complex systems, indicating that the networks describing them are governed by generic organization principles and mechanisms.

Understanding the driving forces which invest different networks with similar topological features enables us to combine the numerous details about molecular interactions into a single framework, offering means to address the structure of the biological system as a whole.”